



US President Barack Obama, left, and French President Francois Hollande look out over Omaha beach during a joint French-US D-Day commemoration ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-mer, Normandy, France, Friday June 6, 2014, marking the 70th anniversary of the World War II Allied landings in Normandy.

(AP Photo/Alain Jocard, pool)

70 YEARS ON

WORLD HONORS LEGACY OF D-DAY'S HEROES

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COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER,
France (AP)** — It was a day of pride, remembrance and honors for those who waded through blood-tinged waves, climbed razor-sharp cliffs or fell from the skies, staring down death or dying in an invasion that portended the fall of the Third Reich and the end of World War II. It was also a day of high diplomacy for a Europe not completely at peace.

After 70 years, a dwindling number of veterans, civilian survivors of the brutal battle for Normandy, and 19 world leaders and monarchs celebrated on Friday the sacrifices of D-Day, an assault never matched for its size, planning and der-ring-do. The events spread across the beaches and lush farmlands of Normandy, in western France, had an added sense of urgency this year: It would be the last grand commemoration for many of the veterans, whether

they relived the anniversary at home in silence or were among the some 1,000 who crossed continents to be present despite their frail age. For President Barack Obama, transmitting the memory of their "longest day" means keeping intact the values that veterans fought and died for. "When the war was won, we claimed no spoils of victory — we helped Europe rebuild," Obama said in a speech at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. It is the site

where 9,387 fallen soldiers rest under white marble tombstones on a bluff above Omaha Beach, the bloodiest among five beach landings by U.S. and British troops. "This was democracy's beachhead," he said, assuring veterans that "your legacy is in good hands." F-15 jets flew over the cemetery in missing-man formation, a 21 gun salute boomed and taps sounded. The day of gratitude drew royals including Queen

Elizabeth II of England, who dined at the French presidential palace in the evening, and the king of the Netherlands, Willem-Alexander, as well as political leaders from across Europe. German Chancellor Angela Merkel also joined in, along with a small group of German soldiers, as a sign of European unity. Both symbolism and pragmatism were on French President Francois Hollande's agenda.

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Putin, Poroshenko talk amid D-Day pomp

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OUISTREHAM, France
(AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke face-to-face with Ukraine's incoming president about ending the violence in the former Soviet state, and Kiev's new leader said talks could begin in earnest as soon as Sunday — a diplomatic breakthrough playing out along the battlefield beaches of Normandy. Friday's 15-minute meeting was followed by a brief exchange between Putin and President Barack Obama, who had been keeping

in earnest on his first full day in office. "All the questions were difficult," Poroshenko said in a statement to The Associated Press before returning to Ukraine, "but we will make every effort to achieve the goals we have set ourselves and begin negotiations on Sunday." Putin said he welcomed Poroshenko's call for an end to the bloodshed and liked his approach to settling the crisis but wanted to wait until the Ukrainian leader could deliver it in detail to the nation. "If it continues like that, then conditions will be created for developing our

but long enough for the message to be passed on," Hollande told the French network TF1. Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Putin and Poroshenko also "confirmed that there is no alternative to settling the situation by peaceful political means." Frozen out of G-7 talks Thursday in Brussels, Putin appeared to be moving incrementally back into the fold of the West following his first direct talks with Poroshenko since the billionaire was elected to lead Ukraine. The previous pro-Kremlin president, Viktor Yanukovich, was ousted



Ukraine's President-elect Petro Poroshenko, left, walks past Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, during the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the D-Day in Ouistreham, western France, Friday, June 6, 2014. World leaders and veterans prepare to mark the 70th anniversary of the invasion this week in Normandy.
(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

the Russian at arm's length over the Ukrainian crisis. Tensions between the two were played out on giant televisions on Ouistreham's Sword Beach, with Putin and Obama shown divided by a split screen as they commemorated the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Speaking after his meeting with Petro Poroshenko — who is to be sworn in Saturday as Ukraine's president — Putin called for an immediate cease-fire in eastern Ukraine before any further talks, and said he expected Poroshenko to show "state wisdom" and "good will." Poroshenko later said talks could begin

relations in other areas, including the economy," Putin said. He specified that Moscow is ready to lower gas price for Ukraine if it pays off its debt for previous supplies, easing fears of a gas shutdown to Europe dependent upon gas pipelines that cross Ukraine. French President Francois Hollande, who orchestrated the meeting along with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said Putin and Poroshenko also discussed how Russia could recognize the Ukrainian elections as well as measures to de-escalate the fighting. "It didn't last a long time

ed in what Putin said was a coup. Russia, which had recalled its ambassador from Ukraine, said he will return to Kiev to attend Poroshenko's inauguration. That appeared to be a recognition of Ukraine's election, Hollande said. Outside the building where world leaders met for lunch, reporters saw another animated conversation between Putin and Poroshenko lasting about a minute. That conversation also included Merkel, who at a much more public commemoration at Sword Beach appeared to shuttle between the men. □



U.S. President Barack Obama, 2nd left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin, 2nd right, pose during a group photo for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Benouville castle, Friday, June 6, 2014. World leaders and veterans gathered by the beaches of Normandy on Friday to mark the 70th anniversary of World War Two's D-Day landings.
(Regis Duvignau)

Another awkward encounter for Obama, Putin at Benouville castle

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BENOUVILLE, France (AP)

— Add another awkward chapter to the long-running story of the tense relationship of President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

This one came complete with a cameo from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who became an unexpected buffer between the presidents.

The dignitaries were in France Friday for ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy. The commemorations coincided with heightened tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Moscow's threatening moves in Ukraine.

Obama and Putin had a short conversation inside the French chateau where they attended a leaders' lunch, marking the first time they have spoken face-to-face since the Ukraine crisis began. But a public encounter during a pre-lunch photo highlighted the strain in the relationship, with Obama appearing to go out of his way to avoid contact with Putin despite coming within an arm's length of his Russian counterpart.

Obama was all smiles as the leaders gathered on the steps of the grand Chateau de Benouville for the group photo. He took his place in the front row next to Queen Elizabeth and waved and shook hands with other leaders.

But the U.S. leader stead-

fastly avoided any contact with Putin when the Russian leader took his place just a few feet away. French President Francois Hollande and Denmark's Queen Margrethe II joined the British monarch in serving as a shield between Obama and Putin.

As the photo ended, Obama lingered with Queen Elizabeth while Putin sidled up to Hollande for the short walk to lunch. But the two pairs were soon back to back, with Obama so close to Putin that he could have easily reached out and tapped him on the shoulder.

Instead, Obama continued his conversation with the 88-year-old queen. More than once, he slowed his steps, putting some distance between him and Putin.

No media were on hand for the Obama-Putin conversation inside the chateau, which aides described as informal. But the leaders were quickly back on public display during the day's main event, an elaborate ceremony on Sword Beach.

As Obama and Putin took their seats, the image on the large screens in the outdoor pavilion split into two, with Obama's picture on the left and Putin on the right.

Putin appeared to catch sight of their pictures on the screen first and cracked a smile. Then Obama saw them and grinned, glancing sideways toward the Russian leader as the crowd packing the stands erupted in laughter. □

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With an invitation to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had been elbowed out of G-7 talks a day earlier, the ceremonies also became a moment to try to deflate the tense situation in Ukraine. The West fears the ongoing fighting there could fan a new Cold War with Moscow, which has annexed the eastern Ukraine region of Crimea.

Hollande's invitation to Ukraine's president-elect gave impetus to a diplomatic ballet of meetings behind the scenes.

Putin, who was present as a tribute to the Russian loss of more than 20 million troops in WWII — the largest among Allies — met with Petro Poroshenko and Obama on the sidelines of the event. Obama met privately, and briefly, with Putin.

"It is because France itself experienced the barbarity (of war) that it feels a duty to preserve peace everywhere, at the frontiers of Europe as in Africa," Hollande said.

Dancers re-enacted the drama of the Nazi takeover and battles across Europe against Hitler's forces on a stage at Sword Beach, one of the landing points near Ouistreham, a small port where British troops landed and fought their way to Pegasus Bridge, a key route. Ouistreham was the site of the main international ceremony.

It was 6:30 a.m. on June 6, 1944, when soldiers started wading ashore. Operation Overlord, as the invasion by U.S., British, Canadian and Polish forces was codenamed, was the first step in breaching Hitler's

stranglehold on France and Europe. Besides Sword and Omaha, Allied forces landed on Utah, Juno and Gold beaches — all codenames. Ahead of the landing, the U.S. Army's 2nd Ranger Battalion went in with the 5th Battalion Rangers, scaling the craggy cliffs of Point du

Allied march to Paris to liberate the Nazi-occupied French capital in August. Another August assault was launched by forces from North Africa into southern France.

"They left home barely more than boys. They came home heroes," Obama

that if I could survive this, I'll work the rest of my life for nothing to be alive."

Clair Martin, 93, of San Diego, California, landed on D-Day with the 29th Infantry Division and said he kept fighting until he reached the Elbe River in Germany the following April. "I praise

civilians, and Hollande paid tribute to them Friday in Caen, largely destroyed in the bombings like many Normandy cities.

The Vichy government which collaborated with the Nazis — and which France took decades to admit represented the



World War II veteran of the U.S. army 29th Infantry Division, Don McCarthy, 90, from Rhode Island, center, arrives for a D-Day commemoration, on Omaha Beach, western France, Friday June 6, 2014. Veterans and Normandy residents are paying tribute to the thousands who gave their lives in the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied France 70 years ago. World leaders and dignitaries including President Barack Obama and Queen Elizabeth II will gather to honor the more than 150,000 American, British, Canadian and other Allied D-Day troops who risked and gave their lives to defeat Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

Hoc to put out of action six 155mm Nazi howitzers that could target landing areas. Paratroopers from the 101st Airborne division jumped into dark skies, some getting lost in hedgerows, shot down or caught in trees.

At least 4,400 Allied troops were killed the first day, and many thousands more in the ensuing Battle of Normandy that opened the

said at an observation deck in Colleville, overlooking Omaha Beach.

Seven decades later, gratitude for life is a theme that runs through some veterans' recollections.

"I was lucky I survived," said U.S. veteran Oscar Peterson, 92, who fought with the 2nd Infantry Division, during his visit to Colleville. At the time, he said "I would say

God I made it and that we've never had another World War," he said.

While many of the fallen in the Battle of Normandy — Americans, British, Polish and even Germans — lie in manicured cemeteries, some victims have been largely forgotten — the French.

Allied bombardments killed an estimated 20,000 French

state — used the bombings as a propaganda tool, burying the extent of fatalities. Historians now believe that nearly as many French civilians died in Allied air raids as Britons during the German Blitz.

"This battle was also a battle of civilians," Hollande said. Normandy's residents "helped the victory happen." □

U.S. to provide lawyers for children facing deportation

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The Obama administration said Friday that it was launching a program to help recruit lawyers for children facing deportation as it scrambles to deal with the soaring number of unaccompanied Central American minors illegally crossing the border from Mexico.

Under the plan, the federal government will issue \$2 million in grants to enroll about 100 lawyers and paralegals to represent children making their way through the immigration court system.

"We're taking a historic step to strengthen our justice system and protect the rights of the most vulnerable members of society," Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said in a statement. "How we treat those in need, particularly young people who must appear in immigration proceed-



A Honduran child, unsure of his age, sits with other youths waiting to be processed at a U.S. Border Patrol station in Brownsville, Texas. The Obama administration on June 6 announced a \$2 million subsidy to find lawyers to represent children facing deportation, in part a reaction to a surge in unaccompanied children from Central America that has overwhelmed border officials.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

ings - many of whom are fleeing violence, persecution, abuse, or trafficking - goes to the core of who we are as a nation."

Administration officials have been trying to cope

with a surge of unaccompanied children, mainly from Central America, that has overwhelmed border officials as well as the nation's family and immigration court systems.

On Monday, the administration ordered federal emergency authorities to coordinate a multiagency response to the relief effort. Two emergency shelters have been opened on military bases - one at Naval Base Ventura County in Oxnard, California, and the other at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio - to house as many as 1,800 youths.

Since October, more than 47,000 children traveling without parents have been caught trying to cross the Southwest border, a 92 percent increase over the same period last year. Most are coming from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, officials said.

Conservative critics say the administration's lax enforcement of immigration law has sent encouraging signals to Central Americans suggesting that they may enjoy a de facto amnesty if they get across the

Mexico border.

"The broader message is that we don't take our immigration laws seriously," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors tightening immigration laws. "That's what it is, and people are acting on it."

The new legal representation program will be a collaboration between the Justice Department and the Corporation for National and Community Service, which operates the AmeriCorps national service program. The program's services will be restricted to children younger than 16 who have received a notice to appear for deportation proceedings but are not in the custody of the federal government, officials said.

The grants will be issued to nonprofit organizations in 29 cities with large immigrant populations. □

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Vermont: Gun importer laying off 41, blames rules

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MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP) — A U.S. gun importer is blaming the White House for its laying off of 41 workers because the government blocked its plan to bring nearly \$30 million worth of antique, American-made military rifles home from South Korea. The White House's refusal to allow Century International Arms to re-import the World War II-era M1 Garand rifles is an apparent result of new rules set up last summer concerning requests to ship military-grade firearms back into the United States.

Century Arms describes itself as North America's largest importer of surplus firearms and accessories. "This importation was denied despite our explaining that the denial would harm the company and pointing out that there is no rational, gun-control reason to block the importation of these historic, 70-year-old firearms," the Vermont company said in a statement posted on its website Thursday.

An email to the White House press office seeking comment was not immediately returned Friday, but a press release from last August said the administration was blocking the re-importation of military firearms as part of two "common-sense executive actions" designed to keep dangerous firearms out of the wrong hands. The decisions were part of a gun violence reduction plan first announced in January 2013. President Barack Obama's administration said the policy — with only a few exceptions, such as for museums — is intended to keep "military-grade firearms" off the streets.

Century Arms attorney Brady Toensing said in a statement Friday the deal was a routine transaction and all approvals were in place in February of 2013 until the company discovered the White House had intervened and blocked the deal. □

Seattle Police: Quick action kept shooting casualties down

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SEATTLE - The police are crediting the quick response of students at Seattle Pacific University in subduing a man who opened fire on the campus Thursday afternoon with keeping down the number of victims.

The episode, in which one person was killed and three wounded, ended quickly because "ordinary citizens" stepped up, an assistant Seattle police chief, Paul McDonagh, said at a news conference.

The gunman fired several rounds from a shotgun and began to reload, Capt. Chris Fowler said, when he was pepper-sprayed by a student building monitor at a science and engineering building. The monitor and other students then subdued the gunman and held him for the police.

"There are a number of heroes in this," McDonagh said. "But for the great response by the people of Seattle Pacific, this incident might have been much more tragic."

The police said the gunman, identified as Aaron R. Ybarra, 26, was booked late Thursday for investigation of homicide.

The authorities said they had found no ties by Ybarra to Seattle Pacific or its students. Ybarra was not a student at the university,

McDonagh said.

A spokeswoman for Harborview Medical Center, Susan Gregg, said a 20-year-old man who had been shot arrived at the hospital in critical condition and died shortly afterward. A 20-year-old

Chris Howard, a 22-year-old mechanical engineering student, found himself cradling one of the victims, a young woman he did not know, with her head on his lap as emergency workers surged to the scene. He took her

Methodists and promotes a Christian educational outlook, has about 4,000 students on a 40-acre campus about 10 minutes from downtown. Buildings went into lockdown as emergency responders arrived at the scene, Otto



Shooting suspect Aaron Ybarra, left, is led in chains to a court hearing at a King County Jail courtroom Friday, June 6, 2014, in Seattle. Ybarra was arrested in the killing of a 19-year-old student and wounding of two other young people Thursday at Seattle Pacific University. Police say another student pepper-sprayed and tackled him. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

woman was in critical condition, Gregg said, and two men, ages 24 and 22, were in satisfactory condition. One of the men's injuries did not involve gunshot wounds, but no other details were available. None of the victims was immediately identified.

cellphone, he said, and tried to reach her mother and her aunt, but got only voice mail.

"There was a lot of blood on her chest," he said. "There appeared to be a tourniquet on her arm." The school, which was founded in 1891 by Free

Miller Hall, which houses science, engineering, mathematics and physics classrooms. The police, posting updates on Twitter soon after the shootings, said a second suspect was being sought, but minutes later said there were "no outstanding suspects." □

CIA uncovers sense of humor in debut tweet

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For a spy agency that likes to blend into the background, the CIA's debut on Twitter has revealed a covert sense of humor.

In a medium heralded for its snide remarks, the Twitter sphere gave high praise Friday for the intelligence agency's first tweet, under the handle @CIA.

"We can neither confirm nor deny that this is our first tweet," posted @CIA. Within an hour it had gained more than 67,000 followers.

At first, that raised a ques-

tion: Was this really the Central Intelligence Agency? Since any number of fake CIA twitter accounts have sprung up over the years, some caution was in order.

The agency quickly confirmed in a news release that it had, in fact, established a presence on both Twitter and Facebook.

The CIA got its @CIA handle after filing a complaint with Twitter to wrest control from someone who was using it to impersonate the agency, said CIA spokesman Todd Ebitz.

The agency's tagline: "We are the nation's first line of

defense. We accomplish what others cannot accomplish and go where others cannot go."

On both accounts, the CIA promised "photos, reflections on intelligence history, and fun facts from the CIA World Factbook."

It also said it would release "updates on CIA career postings and get the latest glimpse into CIA's Museum," which is at the agency's headquarters in suburban Washington and not regularly open to the public.

By Friday afternoon, @CIA was following only 25 Twitter accounts, prompting

jokes about how the spy agency actually follows far more people around the world.

"The CIA has followed people for years," tweeted Husain Haqqani, the former Pakistani ambassador to the U.S. "Now tweekle (sic) have a chance to follow @CIA."

Some were not sure it was a good day for social media.

"People say Facebook got lame once your grandmother joined. don't know what to think about @CIA joining Twitter," tweeted electronic privacy activist Parker Higgins (@xor). □

Aiming weapons of finance from war room at Treasury

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WASHINGTON - In a dingy suite of offices in a Treasury Department annex, the troops work into the night, armed with paperwork, computers and a clock on the wall set to Tehran time. They blast out advisories ordering banks to block targeted people, then threaten them with consequences - fines that can range into millions of dollars - if they do not.

Today, this is how the Obama administration goes to war.

"The United States needs to remain involved in the world, but does not necessarily need to remain involved just through military power," said David S. Cohen, Treasury's under-secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, who is sometimes described within the administration as President Barack Obama's favorite combatant commander. "There are other ways of projecting U.S. power that are consequential."

Cohen oversees the obscure Office of Foreign Assets Control, the engine that creates and administers the steadily increasing

number of financial sanctions. They are a policy tool once considered largely ineffectual but are now used against a wide range of actors, from Iran's revo-

lutionary guard to Mexican drug traffickers to cronies of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. Over the last decade, as sanctions have become

vastly more sophisticated, the Obama administration has deployed them more and more often. Including the recent sanctions designed to punish Russia,

of the Brookings Institution,

administration has had."

That record, however, is in many cases still mixed. The sanctions against Iran for its nuclear work are considered the most successful in modern history, but sanctions on North Korea have been far less successful - primarily because China, the North's main patron, often made up for commodities or financial flows that other trading partners were cutting off.

"Not every case will be an Iran case," Thomas E. Donilon, a former national security adviser to Obama, said at a conference in Washington on Monday. Other officials, including some from the Treasury Department, noted that there is a risk that sanctions can be overused - and, as a result, countries could tire of enforcing them.

The most recent U.S. sanctions were imposed this spring, when the United States sanctioned a series of individuals and firms close to Putin, including Igor I. Sechin, the president of the state-owned Rosneft oil conglomerate, and Rosiya Bank, a provider of financial services to Putin's inner circle. □



David Cohen, pointing at center, who runs the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which creates and administers the financial sanctions that the U.S. imposes on foreign governments, during a meeting with his team in Washington, May 30, 2014. Over the last decade, as sanctions have become vastly more sophisticated, the Obama administration has deployed them more and more often.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

lutionary guard to Mexican drug traffickers to cronies of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

Over the last decade, as sanctions have become

the Treasury Department targets about 6,000 people and institutions around the world.

"They've always been a tool," said Robert Einhorn

ment last year. "But they've gained new prominence, which is in part a reflection of greater creativity in the use of sanctions but also the success that the admin-

Engineer's 'switch from hell' began GM recall woes

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DETROIT (AP) — Inside General Motors, they called it "the switch from hell."

The ignition switch on the steering column of the Chevrolet Cobalt and

other small cars was so poorly designed that it easily slipped out of the run position, causing engines to stall. Engineers knew it; as early as 2004, a Cobalt stalled on a GM test track when the driver's knee grazed the key fob. By GM's admission, the defective switches caused over 50 crashes and at least 13 deaths.

Yet inside the auto giant, no one saw it as a safety problem. For 11 years.

A 315-page report by an outside attorney found that the severity of the switch problem was downplayed from the start. Even as dozens of drivers were losing control of their vehicles in terrifying crashes, GM engineers, safety investigators and lawyers considered the switches a "customer satisfaction" problem, in-

correctly believing that people could still steer the cars even though the power steering went out when the engines stalled. In safety meetings, people gave what was known in the company as the "GM nod," agreeing on a plan of action but doing nothing.

"The decision not to categorize the problem as a safety issue directly impacted the level of urgency with which the problem was addressed and the effort to resolve it," wrote Anton Valukas, the former federal prosecutor hired by GM to produce the report. Some experts applauded the transparency in the GM report, but not everyone is buying its narrative, including family members of people killed and some lawyers suing the company. □

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added 217,000 jobs in May, a substantial gain for a fourth straight month, fueling hopes that the economy will accelerate after a grim start to the year.

Monthly job growth has averaged 234,000 for the past three months, up sharply from 150,000 in the previous three. The unemployment rate, which is derived from a separate survey, remained 6.3 percent in May. That's the lowest rate in more than five years.

Friday's report from the Labor Department signaled that the U.S. economy is steadily strengthening and outpacing struggling countries in Europe and Asia. U.S. consumers are showing more confidence. Auto sales have surged. Manufacturers are expanding steadily. Service companies are growing more quickly.

"I don't think we have a boom, but we have a good economy growing at about 3 percent," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo. "We're pulling away from the rest of the world."

Investors seemed pleased. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 67 points in mid-day trading.

The job market has now reached a significant milestone: Nearly five years after the Great Recession ended, the economy has finally regained all the jobs lost in the downturn.

More job growth is needed, though, because the U.S. population has grown nearly 7 percent since then. Economists at the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimate that 7 mil-

lion more jobs would have been needed to keep up with population growth. In addition, pay growth remains subpar. Average wages have grown roughly 2 percent a year since the recession ended, well below the long-run aver-

age annual growth rate of about 3.5 percent. Unemployment has fallen from a 10 percent peak in 2009 partly for an unfortunate reason: Fewer people are working or looking for work. The percentage of adults who either have a job or are looking for one remained at a 35-year low in May.



Luke Gill, of Quicken Loans, left, talks with job candidate Jasmine Boykins at a job fair at the Matrix Center in Detroit. The government issued strong positive data in its May jobs report on Friday, June 6, 2014. (AP Photo/The Detroit News, David Coates)

Still, the United States is faring far better than most other major industrial nations. Overall unemployment for the 18 countries that use the euro was 11.7 percent in April, though some European nations, such as Germany and Denmark, have much lower rates.

On Thursday, Europe's central bank cut interest rates and took other extraordinary steps to try to boost ultra-low inflation,

is in danger of slowing too sharply.

"The U.S. was incredibly aggressive" after the financial crisis and Great Recession, says Daniel Drezner, a professor of international politics at Tufts University. "Compared to Europe in particular, we did much more."

The U.S. government approved stimulus spending and tax cuts, Drezner noted, while many European nations cut spending. And the Federal Reserve slashed rates further than the European Central Bank did and launched bond purchases to lower long-term loan rates.

Japan's and Europe's central banks are only now considering the type of unconventional measures that the Fed launched in 2008, Drezner said.

The solid U.S. hiring gain in May might be expected to lower the unemployment rate. But the two figures come from separate surveys. The job gain is derived from a survey of businesses, the unemployment rate from a survey of

households. The two sometimes diverge but usually paint a similar picture over time. For May, the survey of businesses found a bigger job gain than the survey of households did.

Average hourly pay rose 5 cents in May to \$24.38. That's up 2.1 percent from 12 months ago and barely ahead of inflation, which was 2 percent.

Weak wage growth has limited Americans' ability to spend. That, in turn, has slowed growth, because consumer spending drives about 70 percent of economic activity.

"The sluggishness in wages is the weak link that is preventing the U.S. economy from fully expanding its wings," said Gregory Daco, U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

One reason pay has

lagged: The new jobs added since the recession have been more likely to be part time and in lower-paying industries. That pattern was evident in May: Hotels, restaurants and entertainment companies added 39,000 jobs. Retailers gained 12,500, temporary services 14,300.

By contrast, construction firms added just 6,000, manufacturers 10,000. Those industries tend to be higher-paying.

There are still 2.9 million fewer people working in full-time jobs than when the recession began. And nearly 2.5 million more are working in part-time positions.

Still, the United States has now added more than 200,000 jobs a month for four straight months — the first time that's happened since 1999.

Many economists say unemployment hasn't fallen far enough yet for wages to rise significantly across the economy. Yet there are some signs that wage pressures might soon emerge. One measure that Fed Chair Janet Yellen has cited as reflective of the job market's health is the number of people out of work for more than six months. This figure reached record highs after the recession ended and has declined slowly.

The number of long-term unemployed fell 78,000 to 3.37 million last month, down from 4.4 million a year ago.

Some companies are starting to raise pay to attract workers. Applied Medical Technology, based in Cleveland, has boosted the starting wage for its assembly and production jobs to \$10 an hour from \$8.25. □

A CEO's mission: luring reluctant cruise takers

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Getting people onboard a cruise ship can be tough. They fear bland buffets, debilitating stomach bugs and a crowd whose idea of excitement is playing canasta. Even the CEO of the world's second-biggest cruise line admits he once avoided cruises.

"I had always thought 'I'm too sophisticated for this,'" says Richard Fain, CEO of Royal Caribbean.

That initial hesitation — over what Fain calls "old myths" — is a big stumbling block. But at the moment it's far from his only challenge. The cruise industry has suffered through a difficult few years. Like airlines and hotels, cruise bookings plunged during the Great Recession. Then, just as the industry was recovering, Carnival Corp.'s Costa Concordia sunk off the coast of Italy, leaving 32 passengers dead. A series of well-publicized mishaps, including fires, electrical failures and outbreaks of vomiting and diarrhea, also left vacationers wary.

Fain tries to lure reluctant cruisers with onboard ice skating, rock climbing, a surfing machine and sky-diving simulator. He's also boosted advertising and incentives to travel agents, although he acknowledges that the best promotion is when happy vacationers get off his ships and rave about the cruise to family, friends and co-workers.

"Nobody takes a cruise simply because they saw an ad," he says.

Overall, his method is working. Royal Caribbean carried 4.9 million passengers last year, compared with 3.5 million a decade ago. And he sees untapped potential. Only one in four Americans has tried a cruise, while millions of people in China are just now embarking on their first vacations.

Fain, 66, didn't take a cruise until 1980, a year after joining Royal Caribbean's board. The company's then-president called Fain presumptuous for making suggestions without first taking a cruise. To negate that criticism, he and his wife took the short-

est, cheapest cruise they could find: a three-day trip to the Bahamas. They were hooked.

Fain became CEO in 1988 and over the past 26 years

and Celebrity Cruises. The company earned a \$474 million profit last year.

The passengers have returned but Fain says prices aren't yet back to pre-re-

New ships help Fain get closer to that goal. They have more rooms with balconies — which cost more — and include more amenities. For instance, the Oa-



Richard Fain, Chairman and CEO of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., is interviewed at The Associated Press in New York. The global cruise company operates 38 ships under the Celebrity Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, Pullmantur, Azamara Cruises and CDF Croisières de France brands.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

grew the company into the world's second-largest cruise operator. Today, Royal Caribbean has 41 ships across its six brands, including its namesake line

cession levels.

"It's less expensive than a comparable land vacation," he says. "The truth is I'd like to have it be a little less unbelievable value."

sis of the Seas has 26 different places to dine, some which charge an extra fee. Overall, passengers spend 25 percent more than those on older vessels. □

Ferret fans hoping NYC lifts 15-year-old ban

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For 15 years, ferrets in New York City have been living in the shadows, outlawed under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who famously told a ferret fancier that "this excessive concern with little weasels is a sickness."

Now there's a bit of hope for the slinky creatures. Years of lobbying by ferret owners has finally landed an audience in Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration, which says it could hold a hearing by the end of the year on a measure to make ferrets legal once again.

"Why would you ban ferrets?" asks Candace Lucas, who has owned ferrets for about 25 years and currently shares her Manhattan apartment with 6-year-old Tink. "How is a ferret any different than having a dog or a cat? Why would

a ferret be something that would create any kind of problem?"

Ferrets are legal in most of the U.S. but are prohibited in California and Hawaii and in some municipalities, including New York City for the stated health department reason of "vicious, unprovoked attacks on humans." Backers say ferrets don't attack unless they have been starved or abused.

But it's not like there's a history of problems with the animals. The city says it knows of only two ferrets that were banished after neighbors complained. And while the city's pet stores don't sell ferrets, they do sell ferret food, hinting of a Big Apple ferret population burrowed deeply "underground."

A group called Legalizing Ferret Ownership in NYC has collected 600 signatures on a petition to end

the ban, but its leaders declined to be interviewed for fear of being outed and losing their furry friends.

Sheilla Sumayang, who had a ferret in Brooklyn until he died in 2011, said even trips to the vet made her nervous.

"Every time I brought him to the veterinarian I had to cover his little carrying case so people would think he was a cat," said Sumayang, who plans to adopt two new ferrets if the ban is lifted. While the city's health department agreed last week to a ferret hearing, the mayor himself has been publicly noncommittal. De Blasio, a Democrat whose main animal issue has been pushing for a ban on carriage horses, said: "I have not gotten the full briefing in terms of their rationale for the change. ... We obviously want public input. That decision is months away." □

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North Korea insists it is now holding an American tourist

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea says it has detained an American tourist for committing an unspecified crime, the third U.S. citizen being held there.

The state Korean Central News Agency said authorities were investigating him for committing acts inconsistent with the purpose of a tourist visit. It did not give details.

"American citizen Jeffrey Edward Fowle entered the DPRK as a tourist on April 29 and acted in violation of the DPRK law, contrary to the purpose of tourism during his stay," KCNA reported, referring to the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The U.S. State Department confirmed an American was detained, but did not identify the person or provide details for privacy reasons.

"We are aware that a U.S. citizen has been detained in North Korea. This is the third U.S. citizen that has been detained in North Korea," spokeswoman Marie Harf told reporters in Washington. She added there's "no greater priority for us than the welfare and safety of U.S. citizens abroad."

Harf did not say whether Sweden, which handles consular matters for Americans in North Korea, had been granted access to the American. She said the department has a warning against travel to North Korea and that being part of a tour group will not prevent a possible arrest.

Timothy Tepe, an attorney who is acting as a spokesman for the family of Jeffrey Edward Fowle, confirmed that North Korea detained Fowle, 56, who is married with three children and has a home in Miamisburg in southwest Ohio.

Tepe said the family would issue a statement on Monday and not comment until then, "given the sen-

sitive nature of Jeff's situation."

"This is a very fluid situation that has just come to light and they need time to process it," Tepe said.

Tepe said Fowle was not on a mission for his church, Urbancrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, Ohio, and that he was just visiting North Korea as a tourist.

Mark Edward Howard, who attends Fowle's church, described him as "a very good Christian father, a very loving father to his children."

He said that Fowle's wife, Tatyana Fowle, 40, is a Russian immigrant with limited English, and that Jeff Fowle always stayed close to her side in case she needed a translation.

"They are pretty much inseparable," he said. "You never see him not by her side. They're a very nice family."

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Michael Turner, a Dayton, Ohio Republican, said he was "deeply troubled by the detainment of American and Miamisburg resident Jeffery Edward Fowle, by the authoritarian government of North Korea."

"We have been in contact with the State Department and will continue to carefully monitor Fowle's detainment as we await the release of additional information," he said.

In April, a 24-year-old American man was detained for alleged improper behavior while entering North Korea. The tourist agency he traveled with identified him as Matthew Miller. North Korea said he entered the country on April 10 with a tourist visa, but tore it up and shouted that he wanted to seek asylum. The brief report said he chose the North "as a shelter."

North Korea also has been holding a Korean-American missionary, Kenneth Bae, since November 2012. Bae was sentenced to 15 years of hard labor for what the North says were hostile acts against the state. □

New Brunswick, Canada: Man suspected of killing Mounties caught



A heavily armed man that police have identified as Justin Bourque walks on Hildegard Drive in Moncton, New Brunswick, on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, after several shots were fired in the area. The man suspected in the shooting deaths of three Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the wounding of two others in a rare case of gun violence in eastern Canada was arrested early Friday, police said.

(AP Photo/Viktor Pivovarov)

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MONCTON, New Brunswick

(AP) — A man suspected of gunning down three Royal Canadian Mounted Police was caught and charged Friday, ending a 30-hour manhunt that closed schools and forced residents to hide inside their homes of this eastern Canadian city. "I'm done," a witness heard him tell police.

Police said at a press conference that they received a tip that led them to a wooded residential part of Moncton, New Brunswick, where they found 24-year-old Justin Bourque, suspected in the deadliest attack on Canada's national police force in nearly a decade. Armed with high-powered long firearms, Bourque was spotted three times Thursday as he evaded the manhunt that all but shut down the normally tranquil city about of about 60,000 people east of the Maine border. Nearly 300 police officers searched for Bourque, who was seen going in and out of a wooded area.

RCMP Supt. Marlene Snowman said Bourque was arrested at 12:10 a.m. She

said he wasn't carrying any weapons, but some were found nearby. Prosecutors and police declined to comment when asked if the guns were acquired legally.

Michelle Thibodeau said she saw the man in the front yard of her home and heard him say, "I'm done," before his arrest by officers with guns drawn.

Bearded and shaggy-haired, Bourque made a brief court appearance Friday afternoon, where he was charged with three counts of first degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. In aqua-colored jail clothes, he stared ahead intently, clearly paying attention but showing little emotion. He nodded when the judge said his name.

He will be back in court July 3 as he seeks a lawyer. A court appointed legal aid attorney represented him Friday.

Prosecutors say they were not requesting a psychiatric evaluation, seeing no need for one. The defense agreed.

There was a high-level security at the appearance, including officers with drawn weapons outside

the courtroom.

Roger Brown, commanding officer of RCMP in New Brunswick, choked back tears as he addressed media earlier Friday.

"Fortunately most people will never have to experience what our officers have gone through in the last two days," he said. "I can't dig deep enough to explain the sadness that we all feel."

Brown identified the dead as Constables David Ross, 32, originally of Victoriaville, Quebec; Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, 45, originally of Boulogne-Billancourt in France; and Douglas James Larche of Saint John, New Brunswick.

"It's been a very challenging 30 hours for the officers that got this job done," Snowman said. "It will take some time to heal, but together we will get there."

Ross' mother Helene Rousseau said she was sad for her son's wife who has a one-year-old and is due to have a second child in September.

"It's going to be difficult. These children won't remember of course. They will not have had the opportunity of knowing their father," Rousseau said. □

Vodafone: Scale of government snooping extensive

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LONDON (AP) — Government snooping into phone networks is extensive worldwide, one of the world's largest cellphone companies revealed Friday, saying that several countries demand direct access to its networks without warrant or prior notice. The detailed report from

authorities already have permanent access to customer communications via their own direct link," the report said. Vodafone's report comes one year after former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden revealed that U.S. and other countries' intelligence agencies routinely gathered huge amounts of private data belonging to

government demands for data. By making its report public, together with a breakdown on requests for information, Vodafone took the unusual step of entering the international debate about balancing the rights of privacy against security. Rather than being stuck with responsibility and consumer backlash when consumers



People walk past a Vodafone shop in London, on Friday, June 6, 2014. Vodafone, one of the world's largest cellphone companies, revealed the scope of government snooping into phone networks Friday, saying authorities in some countries are able to directly access an operator's network without seeking permission.

(AP Photo/Leffteris Pitarakis)

Vodafone, which covers the 29 countries in which it operates in Europe, Africa and Asia, provides the most comprehensive look to date at how governments monitor mobile phone communications. It amounts to a call for a debate on the issue as businesses increasingly worry about being seen as worthy of trust. The most explosive revelation was that in six countries, authorities require immediate access to an operator's network — bypassing legal niceties like warrants. It did not name the countries for legal reasons and to safeguard employees working there. "In those countries, Vodafone will not receive any form of demand for lawful interception access as the relevant agencies and

millions of innocent people in America and across the globe. The revelations have focused particular attention on the role of Western technology and telecommunications firms, which stand accused of facilitating the mass surveillance by giving spies unrestricted access to their networks. Several Silicon Valley companies have since attempted to restore consumers' trust by publishing data on government surveillance. But telecoms companies found themselves in an even more uncomfortable position. Historically closer to governments since many were once state-owned, telecoms companies are much more heavily regulated and have employees on the ground — making them more sensitive to

realize their data has been scooped up without their knowledge, companies like Vodafone have decided it is time to push for a debate. "Companies are recognizing they have a responsibility to disclose government access," Daniel Castro, senior analyst for the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation in Washington, D.C. "This is new." The study comes at a time when other businesses are also calling for a revamp of laws too outdated to stand up to the quickly changing telecommunications universe. Executives in Silicon Valley, for example, have stepped up pressure on President Barack Obama to curb the U.S. government surveillance programs that collect information off the Internet.

LATIN & CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Peru police smash airport cocaine ring

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru's counter-narcotics police broke up a ring that shipped cocaine from Lima's international airport to Mexico on commercial flights by swapping out unsuspecting passengers' luggage with identical suitcases, their commander announced Thursday. The passengers' real bags would be put on later flights. The arrest of eight employees at airport services companies through Wednesday followed the April and May detention of five police officers assigned to the airport, also for alleged cocaine smuggling. Gen. Vicente Romero told reporters that the latest arrests arose from a tip from Mexican police that led to the discovery last month of a suitcase holding 24 kilos (50 pounds) of cocaine on a LAN flight. The suspects worked for three different concessionaires at Jorge Chavez airport, including Transber SAC, which loads cargo on planes. Romero said authorities don't know how long the suitcase-switching ring operated. But he said one suspect had \$58,000 in his possession and said he had earned \$7,000 per shipment. Peru in 2012 supplanted Colombia as the world's No. 1 cocaine producer, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Alcoa evaluating its bauxite operations

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — Aluminum producer Alcoa said Thursday it was reviewing options for its Suriname bauxite subsidiary two days after the country's leader said the multinational was preparing to slash local operations. In a Thursday email, company spokeswoman Monica Orbe said Alcoa is working with the South American nation "to ensure the long-term viability of the operations" in Suriname, where it has had mining operations for nearly a century. On Tuesday, Suriname President Desi Bouterse told Parliament that Alcoa was planning to cut local production by a third and lay off some 200 employees and 800 contractors. Alcoa's local subsidiary is Suriname Aluminum Company LLC, known as Suralco. Bouterse also told lawmakers that Alcoa wants to pay less for fuel from the country's state oil company, Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname N.V., while it wants Suriname to pay more for power from a hydropower plant it built. Orbe stressed that discussions with Bouterse's government are "focused on resolving issues on the long-term supply of bauxite" and finding a "competitive energy solution." The mining industry is the backbone of Suriname's economy.

Guyana confirms cases of chikungunya

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — A mosquito-borne virus that has been spreading fast since the first locally transmitted case in the Western Hemisphere has infected at least 12 more people in Guyana. The Caribbean Public Health Agency confirmed the new cases of chikungunya from among 130 blood samples collected in Guyana, Health Minister Bheri Ramsarran said this week. The new infections occurred near the border with Suriname and about 20 miles from where the first two cases were documented in Guyana last week, Ramsarran said. The government is spraying pesticides to control the two species of mosquitoes that spread the virus, which is rarely fatal but causes severe fever and arthritis-like joint pain in many of its victims. There have, however, been cases in Venezuela and other countries among people who picked up the virus elsewhere.

Afghan candidate escapes assassination attempt



Afghan security personnel investigate the site of a suicide attack that struck the convoy of presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, June 6, 2014. The Afghan Interior Ministry says a suicide bomber and a roadside bomb struck the convoy as it left a campaign event at a wedding hall in the capital Kabul, killing several civilians but leaving the candidate himself unharmed.

AMIR SHAH

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

The front-runner for the Afghan presidency narrowly escaped assassination Friday when two bombs struck his convoy as it traveled between campaign

events in the capital, underscoring the country's fragility as it prepares for its first democratic transfer of power and the withdrawal of foreign combat troops by the end of this year.

The candidate, Abdullah Abdullah, was unharmed

and defiantly vowed to press ahead with his campaign, calmly telling an election rally that "the aim of this incident was to create fear and anxiety among the people and prevent them from deciding their own destiny."

But it was a close call for a man who many in the West hope will guide Afghanistan through a particularly

difficult transition, provide a steadier hand than the mercurial outgoing President Hamid Karzai and sign a security pact to allow about 10,000 U.S. troops to remain in the country for another two years.

At least 10 people, including three in Abdullah's entourage, were killed and dozens were wounded in the attack, which heavily damaged the front of his armored car, destroyed several vehicles and storefronts and left the street littered with twisted metal and other rubble.

Although there was no immediate claim of responsibility, the bombings bore the hallmarks of Taliban militants who have vowed to disrupt the election as part of their fight against the Western-backed government. Karzai blamed the attack on "enemies of Afghanistan who don't want free elections."

The attack took place eight days before a runoff in which Afghans are to choose a new leader. The Taliban have recently staged a series of high-profile bombings this year,

though the first round of voting on April 5 was relatively peaceful. The attempt on Abdullah's life appeared to be the first attack targeting a candidate — as opposed to their offices and workers — since campaigning began earlier this year.

If one of the candidates were to die, that would have huge implications not only for Afghanistan's stability but for the Obama administration's hopes for a signed security agreement in time to make preparations for keeping a residual U.S. force of trainers and advisers in the country after 2014.

Both candidates in the June 14 runoff say they will sign the pact, which Karzai has refused to do. The Afghan constitution says new elections must be held in the event of a candidate's death.

A former Afghan foreign minister, Abdullah was the runner-up in the disputed presidential elections of 2009 and hopes again now to succeed Karzai, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. □

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

Pope wishes to rekindle dream of Mideast peace

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Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is seeking to rekindle the dream of peace by bringing the Israeli and Palestinian presidents together this weekend for a unique common prayer for peace in the Vatican gardens.

It will be the first time such a meeting has ever taken place at the Vatican and marks the first time in over a year that Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have met.

Vatican officials insisted Friday the Sunday evening prayer represented a "pause in politics" and had no political aim other than to re-ignite the desire for Israeli-Palestinian peace that was perhaps at its high when Peres and Abbas signed the Oslo peace accords in 1993.

The latest round of U.S.-sponsored peace talks

collapsed in failure in April. Francis issued the invitation to Peres and Abbas to come to "my home" to pray for peace during his recent trip to the Middle East.

"Naturally no one has the presumption to think that after this peace will suddenly break out in the Holy Land," the Rev. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, custodian of the Catholic Church's properties in the Holy Land, told reporters.

"The intent of this initiative is to reopen a path that has perhaps been closed for some time, to recreate the desire, the possibility, the dream."

The Vatican on Friday released the details of how the event will unfold, a delicate balancing act of both religious and diplomatic protocol that will see Jewish, Muslim and Christians praying for peace in the shadow of St. Peter's Basilica. □



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European Central Bank breaks new ground to press growth

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FRANKFURT, Germany - Banks typically make money on the cash they park at a central bank. Now, the European Central Bank wants them to pay for the privilege.

to employ the same powerful, albeit controversial, bond-buying program that was used to restart growth in the United States.

"We think this is a significant package," Draghi said Thursday at a news conference. "Are we finished? The answer is no."

would offer banks cheap four-year loans - with strings attached to make sure they lend the money to businesses.

In addition, the central bank said it was moving closer to making purchases of packages of business loans, another way of fun-

stopped short of using its metaphorical bazooka, the large-scale purchases of bonds and other financial assets known as quantitative easing.

"The conventional measures are all done," said Guntram B. Wolff, director of Bruegel, a research

bank's 24-member Governing Council. He moved judiciously in the bank's latest measures, gaining unanimous support for the policies on Thursday.

In the summer of 2012 as the crisis flared anew, Draghi similarly built internal support for a sweeping promise to backstop the countries' governments financially and "do whatever it takes" to preserve European unity.

The backing of Germany, the eurozone's largest country, will be particularly important. In the past, dissent from the influential German Bundesbank has undercut support for the ECB.

Despite the challenges, Draghi laid out on Thursday the most explicit road map to date of what an asset-buying program could look like. The bank, he said, would "intensify preparatory work related to outright purchases."

He indicated that it would buy private sector asset-backed securities.

The effect could be limited because the number of securities that qualify is relatively small. But the plan could bring the central bank closer to a broader asset-buying program.

The ECB will also begin offering four-year loans to banks at the benchmark interest rates, under conditions meant to ensure that lenders use the money to issue loans to businesses. Banks will be required to show that their net lending to firms increased as a result of the central bank cash. If not, banks would be forced to repay the money early.

It is unclear whether eurozone banks will respond to the central bank's action. Many banks are already struggling with large portfolios of problem loans.

"The rate cut, assuming it filters to the market, will assist, but not enough," said Petros Haidemenos, the general manager of Kalamea Foods, a midsize importer that distributes brands like Kettle Chips, Fiji water and Dippin' Dots ice cream snacks in Greece. □



A man browses through a store in Athens, Greece, where everything is priced one Euro, May 28, 2014. The European Central Bank announced on June 5 an unprecedented move to charge negative interest rates to banks looking to store reserves there, part of E.U.-wide ranging set of measures to unwind the crippling combination of slow growth and super-low inflation.

(Angelos Tzortzinis/The New York Times)

The move, a so-called negative interest rate, is part of a wide-ranging set of measures aimed at combating the crippling combination of slow growth and super-low inflation.

The initiatives, announced on Thursday by the European Central Bank, include the usual fare - interest rate cuts and cheap bank loans.

But the bank also showed a willingness to test new tools like the negative interest rate, in a nod to just how worrisome the economic situation has become in Europe.

Taken collectively, the measures send a strong message to investors, businesses, and citizens that the central bank is determined to put Europe on a path to stronger growth.

The bank president, Mario Draghi, also signaled that he was prepared to go further if necessary. In doing so, he left the door open

With European political leaders struggling to address the region's economic woes, the central bank is aggressively moving to prevent the region from lapsing into the same sort of stagnation that has long afflicted Japan. Just this week, there was news that inflation in the eurozone had fallen to a mere 0.5 percent for the year ended in May, well below the bank's target of around 2 percent.

Even without outright deflation, it is a perilous trend that can cause people to delay purchases and undercut corporate profit and job creation. The central bank's staff expects inflation to return only to 1.1 percent in 2015 and 1.4 percent in 2016.

The ECB is taking a broad tack in its efforts.

The central bank cut its benchmark interest rate on Thursday to 0.15 percent, a record low, and said it

neling credit to companies in troubled countries like Greece that desperately need it.

The negative interest rate, which the ECB will impose beginning June 11, is meant to encourage banks to put their money to work to rebuild the battered eurozone.

It is also aimed at weakening the euro, by making exports more competitive.

The markets welcomed the measures. European stocks rose broadly, with the German DAX index reaching a record high.

But it is unclear whether such efforts will have the desired long-term effects. The negative interest rate has never been tried on such a large scale, so its real-world effects are hard to predict.

And many economists wonder whether the central bank is doing enough, given the current economic picture. The ECB

organization in Brussels. "What remains is quantitative easing."

But quantitative easing is a tricky proposition in Europe. The ECB would have to make the politically delicate decision of what assets to buy from among the eurozone's 18 members. The Federal Reserve in the United States had much more power to pursue its bond buying several years ago in a program that it is only now winding down.

Wolff and other Bruegel analysts have said the European Central Bank could probably buy bonds issued by European government agencies, as well as corporate bonds and bank debt. It would be more problematic, they said, to buy the bonds of individual countries.

To embark on any quantitative easing program, Draghi will have to build consensus among the members of the central



Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

PALM BEACH - First of all, I like to welcome you to my island in the sun. Aruba's weather is always so predictable (hot and windy) and that might be the main reason you decided to come visit us. Of course besides the sun there is much more like: beaches, restaurants, shopping, gambling, activities and more. Talking about all those fun things to do here, if you live on the island full time, and work every day, you might forget that we truly live in a paradise. Of course on your off day you might go swimming or drive around but it is after a few more days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So i



took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to

drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but that is not the real thing: go for a topless jeep! In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous

Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been running this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things

Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm and shallow waters, lots of space to lay out and catch some sun. If you pick a spot close to the Snack Container

that fly by and walk around it is time to get some food. Zeerovers in Savaneta is the place to go. Simple, clean and oh so good! The freshest fish on the island, brought in directly by our local fisherman. You



order by the piece and or pound and as little or as much as you want. The price for fish and chips is so good that you for sure would ask: "is that all"? No fancy dinner ware, just plain easy simple plastic but I promise you that you will be licking your fingers while enjoying a few drinks

visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself.... Up to Baby Beach and

where they sell burger and refreshments you can enjoy 24-7 "golden oldies". Music you grew up with..... After a few hours of "vegging" on the beach staring at the turquoise ocean and listening to the birds

and the best sunset on the island, island style..... You see now that a day in Aruba can fly by as long as you have fun enjoy every moment of it. Yes, you are and i live in PARADISE!!!☐

Kristen Lannigan Honored at Playa Linda



PALM BEACH - Kristen Lannigan from Massachusetts was recently honored as Distinguished Visitor due to her 10th consecutive visit to Aruba. Ms. Marouska Heyliger rep-

resenting the Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony held at the Playa Linda Resort. According to the Ms. Lannigan, she loves the island because of the people, the beaches,

the weather and the great food. On group picture you can admire, Ms. Lannigan and friends together with ATA's rep Marouska Heyliger and Yvette of the Playa Linda. □



Honoring at Bucuti & Tara Resort



BUCUTI BEACH - Richard and Michelle Piccolo were recently honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba due to their 10th consecutive visit. Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony held at the

Bucuti & Tara Resort. According to the couple, they love the beautiful beaches and wonderful food here on the island. In the photos you can see the honorees, ATA's rep Marouska Heyliger and Deborah of the Bucuti & Tara Resort. □

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John and Leigh Heckler honored at the Marriott Surf Club



PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple as Distinguished Visitors, at the Marriott Surf Club. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as

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Ben Crane shoots 65, takes early lead at St. Jude

TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Ben Crane's back is OK, and his putter couldn't be working much better.

The combination helped him shoot a 5-under 65 on Friday to open a six-stroke lead in the St. Jude Classic before heavy rain delayed play twice and forced the suspension of play for the day.

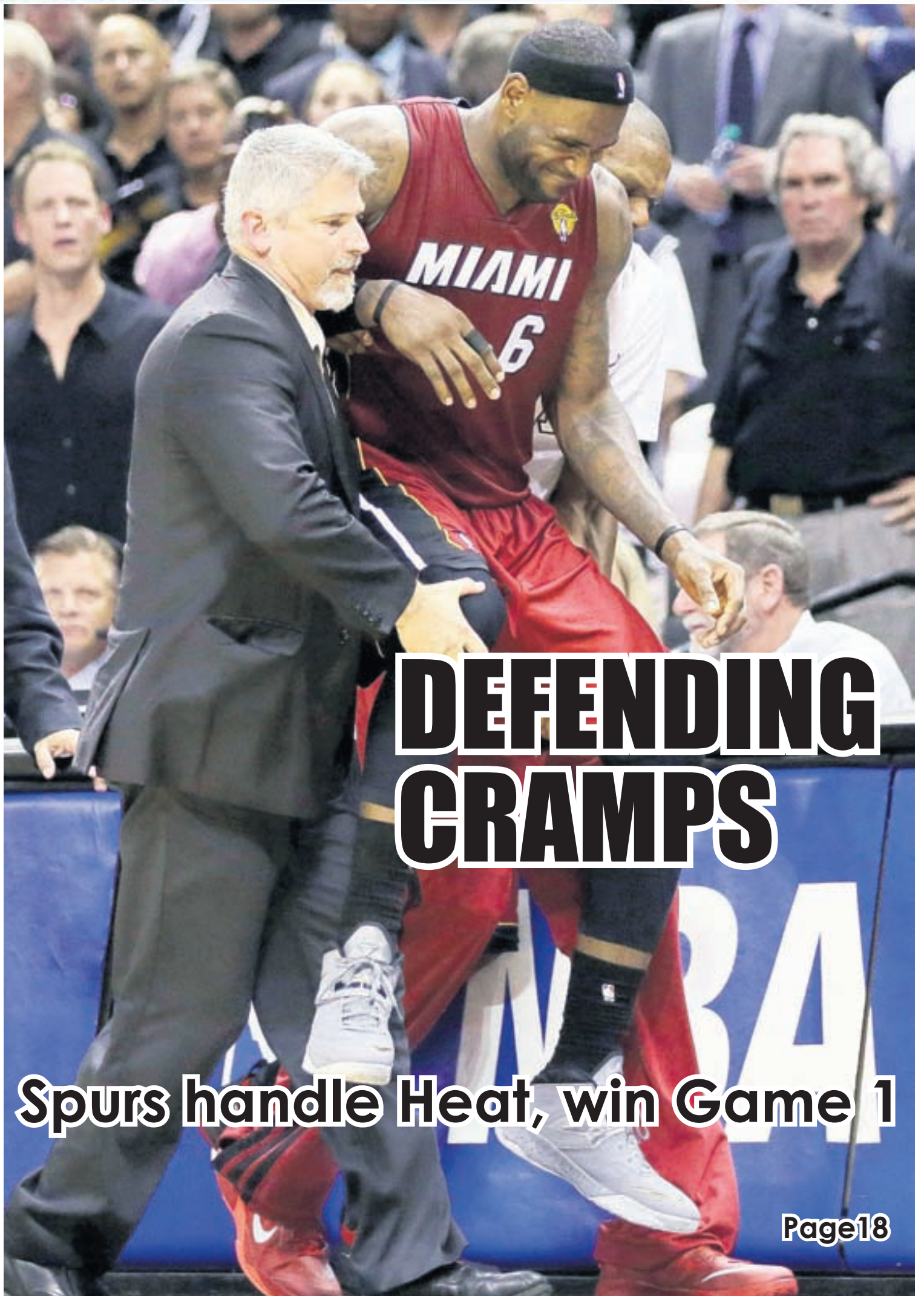
Crane birdied his final hole Thursday night for a 63 and rolled in a 44-footer for birdie to start the second round Friday morning. He had a 12-under 128 total at TPC Southwind, matching the winning score in relation to par last year.

"I certainly didn't see this coming," Crane said. "But you know when you're putting well, I started to feel like I was a little more in control of my ball, just felt like I was tightening my draws and fades a little bit. I had access to some holes I haven't this year and so gosh, it's been an incredible two days."

Crane has spent the past six months changing his swing to protect his back. A four-time PGA Tour winner, Crane's last win came in 2011 at the McGladrey Classic and his best finish this year was a tie for ninth in the Humana Challenge in January. But he was in such pain he had a therapist with him for treatment during the round.

"It's been a really, really hard year, racking my brain what's going on, what's going wrong and have I changed that much," Crane said. "You start wondering, 'Am I going to get it back.' So this is super encouraging. My wife said last night, 'looks like you still got it.'"

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Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) is carried to the bench after injuring himself against the San Antonio Spurs during the second half in Game 1 of the NBA basketball finals on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in San Antonio.

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James recovering after dealing with Game 1 cramps

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - If the NBA Finals resumed Friday, there would be no way LeBron James could play.

There's no game until Sunday. And James plans to be ready by then.

With his gait still affected by severe cramping and dehydration, and feeling the effects of a sleepless night brought on by several trips to the bathroom an unavoidable drawback of having his body filled with fluids James insisted he will play when the Miami Heat and San Antonio Spurs get together for Game 2 of the finals.

"I'll be in uniform on Sunday," James said Friday. "I should be 100 percent on Sunday. Obviously I'm going to take it light today. Training staff said I should take it light today. Give the body another day to recover. Tomorrow I should be back on my feet full go and I got all day Sunday to get ready for Sunday night. When he was there on Thursday, the Heat were right there as well.



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) is helped from the court by guard Mario Chalmers (15), guard Dwyane Wade (3), Erik Spoelstra, front, right, and Rashard Lewis, right rear, during the second half in Game 1 of the NBA basketball finals on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in San Antonio.

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When he was done, so were the Heat.

Up by seven at one point in the fourth quarter, Miami fell apart in the final minutes and James' ugly departure could have easily had something to do with that. San Antonio's lead was 94-92 after James scored with 4:09 left; he was out of the

game for good and unable to move 10 seconds later. From that point, the Spurs finished on a 16-3 run. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra made no excuses Friday, simply saying the two-time defending NBA champions needed to close the deal, James or no James.

"He's a competitor at the

highest level," Spoelstra said. "So it was killing him being on that sideline, but you also have your health to look after. Look, 99.9 (percent) of people have never pushed their body to that level, at that level where you're past the point where your tank is empty and your body shuts down. For a competitor and for the best player in the game at this level to constantly push his body past that point, I think, is incredibly admirable."

Crampgate, as Spoelstra called it,

was still the hot topic of the finals Friday.

Among developments:

Spoelstra revealed James took seven anti-cramping pills during the game.

The air conditioning was working again at AT&T Center and the NBA said a faulty breaker caused the breakdown. Arena events this weekend, including a Friday concert and Saturday WNBA game, were proceeding as scheduled. Gatorade issued an apology over some tweets that made light of James' cramps. James is an endorser of Powerade, a rival sports drink.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver told The Associated Press that he spoke with James' agent Rich Paul and manager Maverick Carter to check in on the

health of the four-time MVP.

"They both assured me that he was all right," Silver said. "We all agreed that it was an unfortunate incident."

Silver said the league is satisfied that there was no chicanery involved.

"It's the nature of live sporting events," Silver said.

"It's, for better or worse, part of the drama of these games."

The Heat used nine players Thursday night and guard Dwyane Wade said he'd like to see the rotation expand in Game 2.

"This time of the year you can't leave anything to chance," Wade said. "I look forward to us using more guys next game, keep guys fresher."

James has dealt with cramps in big games before, including Game 4 of the 2012 NBA Finals against Oklahoma City and Game 3 of this season's Eastern Conference finals against Indiana. He's been tested as to why he cramps; doctors, he said, have no answers. Heat trainers are typically not available to media, but Spoelstra said the team takes all necessary measures to keep James healthy.

"Maybe in his case, his ability to mentally push himself harder than the next guy just pushes his muscles more to the extreme," said Dr. James Gladstone, the co-chief of sports medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. "In some ways it's almost commendable that he pushes himself that hard." Spoelstra said he doesn't compare Thursday to past cramping issues. The arena temperature made for an abnormal night.

"It's like trying to play an NBA basketball game in a hot yoga environment. It's not ideal," Spoelstra said. "We're not making excuses for it, we're trying to adapt on the fly and it was at an extreme level and he was competing at an extremely high level. The only other answer would have been to pace himself, and he doesn't have that in his DNA." □

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Because you wonder. But anyway, it's been a fun start."

Carl Pettersen and Jason Bohn were tied for second at 6 under. Pettersen had one hole left, and Bohn had two to play. Davis Love III (70) and Billy Horschel (68) were in at 5 under.

Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen were unable to start the second round. Mickelson, winless in his last 19 events since the British Open, opened with a 67 on Thursday, and Goosen had a 66.

Friday got off to a slow start with 60 players needing to wrap up the first round with the second started 40 minutes later.

Lightning delayed play at 1:03 pm local time for 59 minutes before play resumed for 13 minutes. Mickelson had just gotten to the tee when the horn blew again. Fans were

sent home before a severe thunderstorm drenched the course, filling bunkers, fairways and cart paths with water.

Finally, play for the day was suspended just before 5 p.m. Players are due back at 7 a.m. so they can make the cut for the third round. Love was glad to be done before the weather moved in even at 5 under, and he doubts Crane will run out to 24 under. This course where John Cook won at 26 under in 1996 was redesigned to a par of 70 after 2004. "So he's off to a great start and we'll have to run him down," Love said about Crane. "He's a great putter, and these greens are perfect, so he's got the advantage on us right now, but just hang in there." Crane had perfect timing for most of his rounds. He played most of the first round after the lengthy delay Thursday afternoon, which left nearly perfect scoring conditions with little wind and soft greens. He was in the first



Ben Crane hits from the sand on the 18th fairway during the second round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Friday, June 6, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn. Crane shot a bogey on the hole.

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group off No. 1 starting the second round, and he birdied rolling in a putt with a break of more than 4 feet for the first of 24 putts. He followed up his opening birdie by sinking a 22-footer for birdie on No. 7. He hit his approach from 147 yards out to 3 feet for birdie

on No. 9 to reach 10 under through 27 holes. He sunk a 14-footer on the par-3 11th with the island green before rolling in a 9-footer for birdie on No. 13. His 8-foot birdie on the par-5 16th put him at 13 under. But Crane hit into a bunker on No. 18 and missed a 10-footer for

his first bogey.

"How do I keep this going?" Well, certainly just keep doing what I'm doing, and hopefully the same game shows up, and obviously continuing to putt well helps your score," Crane said. "I think that's the key." □

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California Chrome finishes last run before Belmont

BETH HARRIS
AP Racing Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — California Chrome is 1 1/2 miles away from ending the longest drought in racing history — 36 years without a Triple Crown winner. Eleven horses as good or better than him have tried

to complete the sweep in the Belmont Stakes and failed since 1978. The chestnut colt with the modest pedigree and self-described “dumb ass” owners can either make history Saturday or become just another near-miss.

“I’ve watched the other horses where they failed,” California Chrome trainer Art Sherman said. “I don’t know if they just got flat outrun or got tired from the Triple Crown races.”

California Chrome and 10 rivals will run the longest race of their lives on Belmont Park’s deep, sandy track with its sweeping turns. No other Triple Crown winner faced more than seven rivals.

“I feel more confident coming into this race than I did any race,” said Sherman, who at 77 is overseeing the best horse of his career. “I’m getting pumped up.”

California Chrome completed his final run-through on Friday, galloping two miles around the Belmont oval after visiting the paddock where he will be saddled on race day. He stood quietly in stall No. 2 before walking through the tunnel toward the track, pausing several times for photographers. His ears pricked at the sound of clicking cameras.

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner will jog again early Saturday, about 13 hours before he tries to become the 12th horse to win the Triple Crown.

Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito, whose horses spoiled Triple Crown bids in 2004 and 2008, said that how California Chrome handles the extra quarter-mile in

the Belmont will be crucial to his chances.

“Smarty Jones was in front going a mile and a quarter, and that last quarter of a mile got him,” Zito said. “It’s a different race. It’s just longer.”

If there’s one worry Sherman has, it’s whether his chestnut colt with four white socks can run that far after a tough campaign of three big races in five weeks.

“One thing I always wonder about is stamina,” Sherman said. “It could be walking pace the first part of it. All of a sudden, the guys kicking in the last part don’t get there.”

Ultimately, Sherman will leave the decision-making to Victor Espinoza, who saw his bid for a Triple Crown aboard War Emblem end in defeat at the 2002 Belmont. He and California Chrome have teamed to win six consecutive races.

“He gets him to relax. I never give him any instructions,” Sherman said.

Racing has been aching for another Triple Crown champion since Affirmed became the third horse in the 1970s to sweep the Derby, Preakness and Belmont. California Chrome and his team would be welcome members of the exclusive club if the colt can pull it off in front of a crowd expected to top 100,000.

“It has to be a super horse to win that,” Espinoza said. Owners Steve Coburn and Perry Martin have shown that a couple of working stiffs who spent \$8,000 on a mare they bred to a stallion for \$2,500 can trump the sport’s blue blood owners and breeders. □



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Bumgarner wins 6th straight, Giants beat Reds 6-1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Left-hander Madison Bumgarner got his career-high sixth straight win, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Reds 6-1 on Thursday afternoon, taking a series in Cincinnati for the first time in five years.

San Francisco moved a season-high 18 games over .500 with its 11th win in 14 games. The Giants have the best record in the majors at 39-21.

Bumgarner (8-3) gave up three hits in eight innings, including Todd Frazier's homer, and retired the last 16 batters he faced. He's 6-0 in his last seven starts, the best such streak of his career.

Michael Morse hit a two-run homer, and Brandon Crawford broke out of a slump with a three-run shot off Mike Leake (3-5), who had overwhelmed the Giants the last four times he faced them.

NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 2
WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Fister kept himself and his club on a roll, allowing two runs and four hits over seven innings as Washington Nationals capped a sweep.

Fister (4-1) struck out five and didn't walk any as he won his fourth consecutive

start for what's starting to look like the tough-act-to-follow rotation expected from the Nationals this season.

The Nationals have won five of six. They've outscored opponents 38-12 in those half-dozen games, including 19-6 in each of the three-game series against the Texas Rangers and the Phillies.

Kyle Kendrick (1-6) allowed four runs over seven innings and walked a season-high five as the Phillies dropped their season-high sixth in a row.

CUBS 7, METS 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo hit a tiebreaking homer, Travis Wood went deep and drove in three runs, and the Chicago Cubs beat the New York Mets 7-4 Thursday night to complete the three-game sweep.

Rizzo's solo drive off Vic Black (1-1) with one out in the seventh gave Chicago a lead after New York's Andrew Brown capped a four-run comeback with a two-run shot in the top half. Junior Lake added a two-run triple in the eighth, and the Cubs came away with their first series sweep since they took three at San Francisco last July 26-28.

Wood delivered in a big way at the plate and was



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval slides hard past Cincinnati Reds second baseman Brandon Phillips (4) trying to break up a double play at second base in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Cincinnati. Phillips threw Michael Morse out at first to complete the double play.

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in line for the win before New York rallied from a 4-0 deficit. Justin Grimm (2-2) got the win.

DIAMONDBACKS 12, ROCKIES 7

DENVER (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt, Miguel Montero and Chris Owings homered as Arizona reached double-digits against the Colorado Rockies again and completed a sweep. Arizona took all three games at Coors Field for

the first time since April 2008.

Bronson Arroyo (5-4) pitched effectively most of the evening before running out of steam. The 37-year-old allowed four runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

A night after the Diamondbacks put up 16 runs, they pounded Rockies starter Juan Nicasio (5-4).

The right-hander struggled with his command, allowing a season-high seven runs in 5 1-3 innings as the Rockies dropped their seventh straight game. It's their longest skid since losing nine in a row late in the 2012 season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 7, TIGERS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Francisco and Brett Lawrie hit consecutive home runs in the sixth inning off Justin Verlander, and Toronto completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

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The AL East-leading Blue Jays have won 19 of 23, including sweeps of defending champion Boston, AL West-leading Oakland and AL Central-leading Detroit. J.A. Happ (5-2) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings for Toronto.

Casey Janssen got the fi-

nal out for his 10th save in 11 chances. He needed only one pitch to retire Nick Castellanos on a line drive to left with two on.

Melky Cabrera also homered for the Blue Jays. **YANKEES 2, ATHLETICS 1**

NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka tamed the highest-scoring team in the majors and New York stopped a four-game skid, beating Oakland and ending the Athletics' five-game winning streak.

Facing the A's for the first time, Tanaka (9-1) got an early jolt when John Jaso homered as the second batter in the game. But that was the only run Tanaka allowed in six innings, and he left with an AL-leading 2.02 ERA.

David Robertson worked the ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances, helped by a lucky bounce.

Stephen Vogt singled with one out and pinch-runner Craig Gentry stole second. Alberto Callaspo followed with a hard grounder that deflected off Robertson's leg, and first baseman Mark Teixeira corralled the carom and flipped to the pitcher covering the bag for an out. Pinch-hitter Derek Norris looked at strike three for the final out.

Penguins fire Bylsma, hire Rutherford as GM

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AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins have fired Dan Bylsma and hired Jim Rutherford as their new general manager.

Bylsma won a franchise-record 252 games behind the bench but failed to produce a bookend to the championship he captured with stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin in 2009. The Penguins were just 4-5 in playoff series since raising the Cup, with each loss coming to a lower-seeded

team.

Pittsburgh's latest defeat came last month when the Penguins fell to the New York Rangers in seven games in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The 65-year-old Rutherford replaces Ray Shero, who was fired three weeks ago. The move is a homecoming for Rutherford, who played goalie for the Penguins in the 1970s before spending 20 years with the franchise that began as the Hartford Whalers, moved to North

Carolina in 1997 and won the Stanley Cup in 2006.

Rutherford stepped aside in April when the Hurricanes promoted Ron Francis — who helped Pittsburgh win consecutive Cups in 1991 and '92 — to the GM's job. It's Rutherford's job to do the same with the Penguins.

Rutherford said he is "very comfortable" with the control he has to name a replacement for Bylsma and hopes to have someone in place by the time free agency begins in July.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball during the semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Latvia's Ernests Gulbis at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Friday, June 6, 2014.

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HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — This is what Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic wanted. It's what they expected. And now they'll meet in a French Open final with so much at stake for both. Nadal is seeking championship No. 9 at Roland Garros, and his 14th major title overall. Djokovic is hoping to finally conquer the French Open and complete a career Grand Slam. Fittingly, whoever wins the rivals' 42nd head-to-head meeting Sunday will be ranked No. 1 on Monday; the runner-up will be No. 2.

"He has the motivation to win Roland Garros for the first time, for sure. But at the same time, he has the pressure to win for the first time," Nadal said. "I have the pressure that I want to win — and the motivation that I want to win — the ninth." In Friday's semifinals, the No. 1-seeded Nadal was at his imperious, and nearly immaculate, best in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Wimbledon champion Andy Murray that lasted all of 100 minutes. Nadal never faced a break point, converted all six he earned, and whipped his uppercut

8-time champ Nadal, Novak Djokovic in French Open final

of a forehand as only he can.

Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach, called the match "one of the best that he has ever played here."

That's sure saying something. Toni's nephew is 65-1 at the clay-court tournament and carries a 34-match winning streak into the final.

The thick, gray clouds and chill that became a staple these two weeks gave way to sunshine and warmth Friday, and Nadal reveled in it.

"For me, is much better when the weather is like today," he said. "My ball creates more topspin. The ball goes quicker in the air, and with my forehand I am able to create more with less."

All in all, Nadal made Murray look rather lost.

"You want to be competitive. You want to make it hard for him," Murray said. "I wasn't able to do that."

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic's semifinal was only slightly less perfunctory, a 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over 18th-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia that came first Friday, when the temperature hit 82 degrees (28 Celsius).

Wrapping a cold towel around his neck during

changeovers, Djokovic was brilliant through two sets, then faltered in the third, showing frustration by spiking a racket so hard he mangled it.

Djokovic has made no secret of the importance he places on a French Open title to add to the six majors he's won — four at the Australian Open, one each at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

"Obviously, Novak would like to win the one he is missing," said Djokovic's coach, Marian Vajda. "So all these hopes ... make him more tense than usually you see him. But I think this match helped him to release it."

Afterward, Djokovic said he felt "physically fatigued a little bit" and was looking forward to resting until Sunday, when the forecast predicts similar heat but also a chance of rain.

No two men in the Open era, which began in 1968, faced each other as often as these two. Nadal leads 22-19 overall, 8-3 at majors, and 5-0 in the French Open — including victories over Djokovic in the 2012 final and 2013 semifinals.

But Djokovic won their last four matchups, including on clay in the final at Rome last month, which the Serb

said boosted his belief in himself.

Still, Djokovic conceded, "I don't know how much 'upper hand' I have, really. ... There is no doubt that he is the favorite to win the title." Nadal's take?

"Probably he will come to the match mentally a little bit better than me because he beat me the last four," said the Spaniard, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open twice each, and the Australian Open once, and can tie Pete Sampras at 14 major titles, behind only Roger Federer's record for men of 17. "But at the same time, my feeling is I am doing the things better, and I am playing better again."

Nadal arrived at Roland Garros dealing with some doubts. There were the three losses on clay in 2014. There was the pain in his back that resurfaced early last week, leading to a dip in his serve speeds and prompting him to wear vertical strips of tape under his shirt for support.

By Friday evening, all was well.

His back felt fine. His serves had zip. His forehand was fearsome.

The sun was shining.

And now Djokovic awaits. □

Bradley Wiggins set to miss Tour de France



In this Sunday July 22, 2012 file photo, from left, second place Christopher Froome of Britain, Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins of Britain, center, and third place Vincenzo Nibali of Italy, right, stand on the podium of the the Tour de France cycling race in Paris, France.

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SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Former Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins expects to miss this year's race, complaining that his team is focusing on his bitter rival and defending champion Chris Froome's title defense.

Wiggins, who became the first British rider to win cycling's showpiece two years ago, was not selected to compete with Froome at the Criterium du Dauphine, the tuneup event for the Tour. It was a clear indication that he was unlikely to line up in Yorkshire on July 5 for the Tour's start in England.

Speaking to the BBC Breakfast program on Friday, the

34-year-old multiple Olympic gold medallist voiced his disappointment at being left out by Team Sky despite a recent surge in form and his victory at the Tour of California last month.

"I am gutted," Wiggins said. "I feel I am in the form I was two years ago. Now if I want to go to the Tour again, the reality is that I might have to go elsewhere. I also understand that cycling is a team sport and it is all about Team Sky winning and Chris is defending champion."

Wiggins' contract with Sky expires at the end of the season.

Although Wiggins told French newspaper L'Equipe there is still a

chance he may make the Tour if Froome picks up an injury at the Dauphine from June 8-15, it's unlikely Wiggins will be riding in France this summer.

"Having missed the Tour again this year, I wouldn't like to leave it there," said the former pursuit specialist, who could now turn his focus on competing on the track at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, in August. "I'd love to go back at some point so there is the chance that I would go back to the Tour next year."

Froome will warm up for the Tour at the Dauphine while Wiggins is still expected to compete at the Tour de Suisse. □

Gift Guide: Wood-themed tech gifts for Dad

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Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Dads try to stay handsome, and their technology should, too. Items that have a blend of technology and wood can look more exquisite than plastic or metal when included in the construction correctly. I found three noteworthy products sure to complete dad's stylish ensemble of personal technology:

are shaped oddly and made of plastic. This speaker from Grain Audio bucks the trend and opts for a walnut wood finish on the majority of its exterior. The grain pattern of the wood is attractive and blends nicely with the grey rubber edging that surrounds the speaker's metal grill. My tablets and phones synced easily after holding down the "G" button on the top for five seconds.



This May 26, 2014 photo shows the Grain Audio Packable Wireless System Bluetooth speaker, in Decatur, Georgia.

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— **Grain Audio Pack**
able Wireless System (\$249): Bluetooth speakers are readily available these days in various shapes and colors. But many of them

The sound is among the best you'll find in a Bluetooth speaker at this size and price. It easily handled some of my bass-heavy electronic dance playlists.

— **Grovmade iPhone case (\$39-\$99):**

walnut bumper, at \$39. It offers protection around



This June 1, 2014 photo shows walnut wood iPhone cases from Portland, Ore.-based Grovmade, in Decatur, Georgia.

Associated Press

One way to class up your dad's mobile gear is to encase it in something slim, not bulky. Dads like to ruggedize everything in huge, obtuse rubbery cases. A better-looking alternative are some iPhone cases handcrafted from Oregon black walnut.

If dad is rocking an iPhone 5 or 5s, he may like the full case for \$99. The sides and the back of the two-piece slide-on case are made of hand-finished walnut. If he wants something light for an iPhone 5c, he can opt for the less-expensive

the edges of the phone. Both cases allow access to all the buttons, ports and camera lenses on the phones. Consider this a needed upgrade from dad's current Day-Glo "Go 'Niners!" cellphone case. Sorry, but the company doesn't make these cases for Android phones, which come in an assortment of shapes and sizes.

— **Fender Wayne Kramer "Royal Tone" CE guitar (\$549):**

Nothing displays the beau-



This June 3, 2014 photo shows the Fender Wayne Kramer "Royal Tone" Dreadnought CE acoustic guitar, in Decatur, Ga.

Associated Press

ty of wood as exquisitely as a well-built dreadnought guitar.

This Wayne Kramer "Royal Tone" Dreadnought CE from Fender offers dad everything he'll need to rock out those acoustic MC5 proto-punk covers he's been covertly working on. Kramer was the lead guitarist for the 1960s band MC5, and his stamp of approval on this guitar is a nod to discerning rocker dads. The guitar has a spruce top with a vintage sunburst tone and mahogany on the back and sides. There's some very polished technology involved with this guitar as well. Built into the guitar is a Fishman Isys III System preamp, as well as an onboard tuner. It's really nice to be able to quickly tune all six strings with the onboard electronics, instead of having to tote along separate tuning gear in a gig bag.

The unplugged sound is bright and lively. The guitar comes off as an easy player for intermediate pickers like me. Plug it in to an amp, and it just flat out jams, blending crisp high notes and chunky power chord strums nicely. Dad will have himself a true performance-ready instrument should he choose to hit a local open-mic night. This guitar is a good deal, at \$549, given the advanced electronics, top-shelf woods and attention to design detail. □

A new 'Destiny' for non-sequel video games at E3

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don't call it a comeback. The recent success of "Titanfall" and "Watch Dogs" has laid the foundation for several new video games that don't contain numbers in their names to be hyped at next week's Electronic Entertainment Expo, the gaming industry's annual trade show. With anticipation building for several all-new titles, have game developers finally found the cure for sequelitis?

The industry has long mined popular games like "Call of Duty," "Super Mario Bros." and "Final Fantasy" for a chain of spinoffs and sequels, but change is afoot ahead of this year's E3. The flashy trade show, expected to draw more than 48,000 attendees, will be populated by more original

titles than in recent years. The sci-fi shooter "Destiny," alternate history adventure "The Order: 1886," cartoony shoot-'em-up "Sunset Overdrive" and man-versus-monster match-up "Evolve" could steal attention away from the latest crop of "Call of Duty," "Halo" and "Assassin's Creed" games, the same way that then unheard-of "Watch Dogs" and "Titanfall" did the past two years at E3.

Despite such triumphs, original games likely won't outnumber sequels at E3. There's a plethora of new installments scheduled to be promoted across the cavernous halls of the Los Angeles Convention Center, including the latest editions of "The Sims," "Fable," "Call of Duty," "Far Cry," "Metal Gear Solid," "Dragon Age" and "Assassin's

Creed" series.

"We're at the beginning of a hardware cycle, and we'll be at our annual show where we love to introduce new brands, so I think that means we'll have a higher combination of new brands than what you might have seen at E3 over the past three or four years," said Tony Key, senior vice president of sales and marketing at "Watch Dogs" publisher Ubisoft. "Watch Dogs," an open-world action game that casts players as a vigilante hacker roaming around Chicago, sold 4 million copies after it debuted last week, becoming gaming's best-selling "new IP." That's industry-speak for original intellectual property — essentially a game that's not a sequel or licensed from an existing entertainment franchise.

By showcasing the game's unique ability to "hack" into the virtual city's infrastructure, as well as other players' sessions, "Watch Dogs" cemented itself as the most talked-about game of E3 when Ubisoft unveiled it two years ago. Bungie, the studio responsible for the original "Halo" games, hopes for similar buzz for "Destiny."

"We have a new IP," said Eric Osborne, community and marketing relations manager at "Destiny" developer Bungie.

"We're not forgetting that we have a lot of people to convince that what we're building is amazing. We're convinced over here, which is why we're gonna roll a 'beta' (test version) out in July and let people experience a huge chunk of the game for themselves." □

Stocks close higher after jobs report

MATTHEW CRAFT
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NEW YORK (AP) — News that U.S. employers added workers at a good clip for the fourth month in a row helped send the stock market higher Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index notched another record high, its eighth in the past 10 days.

For the week, the S&P 500 climbed 1.3 percent, the third straight week the index has posted solid gains. Before the market opened, the Labor Department said employers added 217,000 jobs to their payrolls in May, in the range of what economists had expected. The unemployment rate stayed put at 6.3 percent. Wall Street's forecasters had expected it to inch up.

"It's another positive sign, along with retail sales, housing and everything else we've been seeing," said JJ Kinahan, chief strategist at TD Ameritrade. "There's nothing in this report to slow this market down, but all everyone has wanted to talk about is why the market is going to fall."

The S&P 500 index gained 8.98 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 1,949.44.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 88.17 points, also 0.5 percent, to 16,924.28, and the Nas-

daq composite climbed 25.17 points, 0.6 percent, to 4,321.40.

Major indexes started a steady climb at the start of trading then spent the afternoon sitting tight. Industrial and energy companies, whose success often hinges on economic growth, led seven of the 10 sectors in the index higher.

Hertz slumped after the car-rental company said in a regulatory filing that it needs to correct its financial results for the past three years because of accounting errors. Hertz Global Holdings dropped \$2.76, or 9 percent, to \$27.73.

Arista Networks soared in its first day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Arista raised \$225 million from investors in its initial public offering late Thursday, selling more than five million shares at a price of \$43 each. The company makes networking equipment for cloud computing, and had reportedly delayed its IPO after tech stocks took a beating in April.

Arista's stock jumped an even \$12, or 28 percent, to \$55.

Earlier in the week, signs that the U.S. economy shook off a rough winter and big steps by the European Central Bank to re-

vive the region's economy gave investors reasons for optimism. Separate reports revealed a rise in manufacturing growth in the world's two largest economies, U.S. and China. A survey of the U.S. service industry, which employs roughly nine out of every ten workers, showed an increase in new orders, production and hiring.

Even so, many investors question the stock market's slow and steady rise. There hasn't been a "correction," Wall Street-speak for a drop of 10 percent or more, since August 2011. The market is starting to get expensive compared with the historical average. Investors are currently paying \$17 for every \$1 in earnings for companies in the S&P 500 index, up from the historical average around \$15.

Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners, a wealth-management firm, said he wouldn't be surprised to see the market drop in the summer months, especially if companies turn in dismal second-quarter results.

"The stock market isn't all that expensive right now, Pavlik said, "but I just don't see the earnings growth. That's why I think second-quarter earnings will be important." □

Wal-Mart CEO: speed up the pace of change

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)

— Wal-Mart's CEO Doug McMillon said the world's largest retailer's task is to more quickly bring e-commerce together with physical stores to better serve shoppers.

At Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s annual shareholders meeting on Friday, McMillon talked about a service that Wal-Mart offers at its Asda.com Web site in the U.K., where customers can order groceries online and then pick them up from trucks at various pickup points. He also showed off miniature figures of executives to illustrate how some Wal-Mart stores have been using 3-D printers to create miniature figurines for customers in the U.K.

"Our purpose of saving people money will always be relevant, but we'll do it in new ways," said McMillon, a 23-year-old Wal-Mart veteran who took over as CEO in February. "We need to be at the forefront of innovation and technology."

McMillon's remarks come at a time when the retailer is seeking to address concerns over its declining sales and business practices at home and overseas. About 14,000 Wal-Mart workers around the world attended the meeting, which as usual had celebrity entertainment: Actor Harry Connick Jr. was master of ceremonies and Pharrell and Robin Thicke performed.

Despite the festivities, Wal-Mart is under scrutiny. Revenue at established Wal-Mart stores in the U.S. has declined for five consecutive quarters. The number of customers has also fallen six quarters in a row at the division, which accounts for 60 percent of the company's total sales. Like many other retailers that cater to working-class Americans, Wal-Mart has been hurt by an uneven economic recovery that has benefited well-

heeled shoppers more than those in the lower-income rungs. Moreover, shoppers are increasingly looking for lower prices at online rivals like Amazon.com and at dollar chains and pharmacies.

As a result, Wal-Mart is opening more small stores, like Walmart Express and Neighborhood Markets. It's also pushing online grocery services. It's also adding money transfers and other services to cater to low-income shoppers. Meanwhile, Wal-Mart has more than tripled the number of items it sells online to more than 7 million from 2 million just 18 months ago.

At the same time, Wal-Mart is still facing critics who argue that its workers' wages are skimpy. The issue came up at Friday's meeting when a worker, Charmaine Givens-Thomas, introduced a shareholder proposal for an independent chairman. "Something is wrong when the richest family in America pays hundreds of thousands of workers so little that they cannot survive without public assistance," she said.

Wal-Mart also is facing tough ethical questions overseas as it continues to confront concerns over how it handled bribery allegations that surfaced in April 2012 at its Mexican unit. The company is being pressured to increase its oversight of factories abroad following a building collapse in April 2013 in Bangladesh that killed more than 1,100 garment workers. Wal-Mart wasn't using any of the factories in the building at the time of the collapse, but it is the second-largest retail buyer of clothing in Bangladesh.

Among the proposals by shareholders was a call for an independent chairman that doesn't serve as an executive at Wal-Mart, a move that was backed by Institutional Shareholder Services but failed in a preliminary tally of votes. □



Traders Peter Tuchman, left, and Sal Suarino gather with others at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. News that U.S. employers added workers at a good clip for the fourth month in a row helped send the stock market higher Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index notched another record high, its eighth in the past 10 days.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)



UPS names David Abney as next CEO

ATLANTA (AP) — Package-delivery giant UPS has named a longtime company veteran as its next CEO. The company said Friday that Chief Operating Officer David Abney will take the top job Sept. 1. Current Chairman and CEO Scott Davis will become nonexecutive chairman at that time.

Abney, 58, has worked for UPS for 40 years, starting as a package loader. Before becoming COO, he led the company's international operation, among many other jobs.

Davis, 62, has been chairman and CEO since 2008 and has been with the company since 1986. The company said that he oversaw significant expansion of its international capabilities. "Scott Davis has skillfully guided UPS through one of the most turbulent global economic periods in history while executing growth strategies in emerging markets and specialized business segments," UPS board member Duane Ackerman said in a statement. Like its rivals, the Atlanta company was hurt during the busy holiday shopping season. It wasn't prepared for a big increase in online shopping and a crush of last-minute orders by shoppers before Christmas. It hired more seasonal workers to keep up with deliveries, driving costs higher during the fourth quarter. In the most recent quarter, UPS reported earnings and revenue that missed Wall Street expectations, hurt by winter storms that increased costs. Shares of United Parcel Service Inc. slipped 7 cents to \$103.55 in midday trading Friday. Its shares have slipped just over 1 percent so far this year. □

US consumer spending surges in April

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers revved up their borrowing in April, with growth in credit card debt accelerating at the fastest pace in more than a dozen years.

Overall credit expanded by \$26.8 billion during the month, up from an increase of \$19.5 billion in March, the Federal Reserve said Friday. The sizable climb is an encouraging sign for the economy, suggesting that consumers are confident enough to boost purchases by borrowing.

The result was fueled by autos and student loans, which rose by \$18 billion, and credit card debt, which was up \$8.8 billion. The upswing in credit card debt represented a 12.3 percent gain, the fastest pace since November 2001 when consumers were being urged to spend to bolster the economy following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The April increase continued a string of robust monthly gains and pushed total borrowing to a record high of \$3.18 trillion.

Increased household borrowing can drive stronger consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity in the

U.S.

Alan Levenson, chief economist at investment firm T. Rowe Price, said that the momentum is likely to continue in coming months, helped by rising employment and steady income growth that will make people more willing to take on debt. The rise in credit card balances in April was surprising given recent trends. Credit card use plunged during the recession when consumers tried to lower their debt as millions of

people lost their jobs.

Credit cards started to rebound in 2011. But those increases have lagged far behind the category that covers auto and student loans, with consumers still apprehensive about taking on high-interest debt. Even with the big April jump, credit card borrowing is up only 2.2 percent over the past year.

By contrast, the student and auto loan category has advanced at a more rapid 8.2 percent over the

past year, nearly four times the pace of gains in credit card borrowing.

A separate quarterly report on consumer credit from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that student loans have been the biggest driver of consumer borrowing since the recession ended in June 2009.

The sharp rise has triggered concerns about the impact on young people trying to start careers and families while saddled with debt. □



Consumer credit cards are posed in North Andover, Mass. The Federal Reserve reported a surge in consumer borrowing for April on Friday, June 6, 2014. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

'Dark pool' broker paying \$2M to settle SEC case

MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A brokerage firm that operates a so-called "dark pool" trading system has agreed to pay \$2 million to settle federal civil charges of using customers' confidential trading data to market its services. The settlement between Liquidnet Inc. and the Securities and Exchange Commission was announced Friday, a day after SEC Chair Mary Jo White proposed new rules that could bring closer oversight of high-speed trading and dark trading pools, which account for as much as 35 percent of trades.

Unlike public stock exchanges, dark pools are private, off-market platforms that offer limited information about participants or

operations.

The SEC said that Liquidnet improperly gave access to confidential trading information to a brokerage unit outside its dark pool from 2009 to late 2011.

New York-based Liquidnet neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing under the settlement but agreed to refrain from future violations. Liquidnet also was censured, an action that brings the possibility of a stiffer sanction if the alleged violation is repeated.

In a separate case Friday, the SEC filed charges against Wedbush Securities Inc., accusing the large trading firm of providing customers access to the market without having adequate risk controls in place.

SEC Enforcement Director

Andrew Ceresny said the Liquidnet and Wedbush cases send the message that the agency is seriously pursuing violations of market conduct rules.

In the Wedbush case, the SEC also charged Jeffrey Bell, a former executive vice president of the firm, and Christina Fillhart, a senior vice president. The violations began in July 2011 and continued into 2013, according to the SEC.

Los Angeles-based Wedbush disputed the SEC's allegations. "The firm believes that its risk-management controls and procedures in this area were reasonably designed to achieve compliance" with the rules and were consistent with guidance given by SEC staff, Wedbush said in a state-

ment.

"We are disappointed that the SEC has decided to bring charges against the firm and individuals in this instance, and look forward to a prompt and fair resolution of the matter," it said.

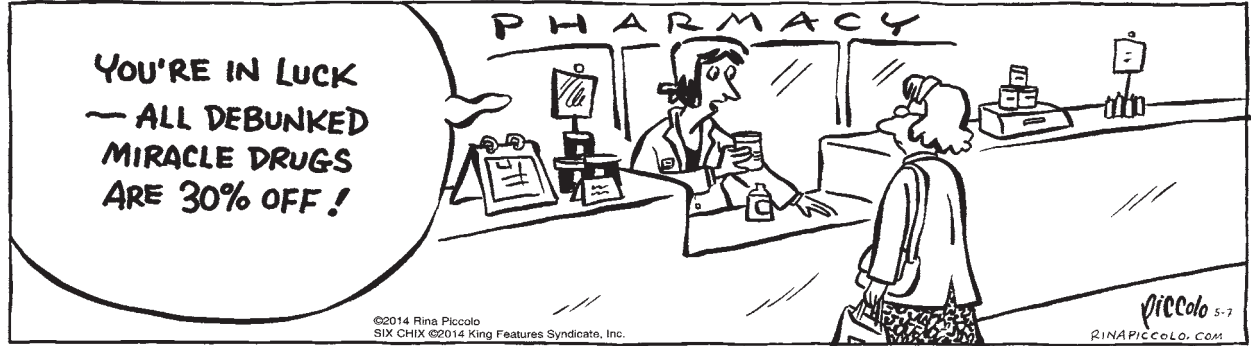
Wedbush is one of the five biggest firms by trading volume on the Nasdaq market, according to the SEC. The agency said Wedbush failed to restrict trading access to clients which it pre-approved, as required by the rules, and failed to properly review its risk management processes.

The lapses meant that traders, including thousands of foreign traders, were allowed access to U.S. markets without being vetted to ensure they complied with U.S. laws, the SEC said. □

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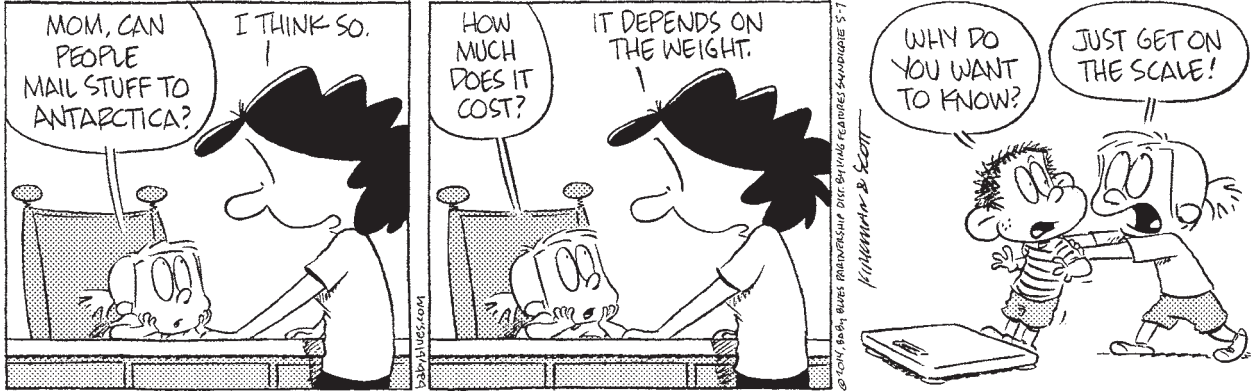
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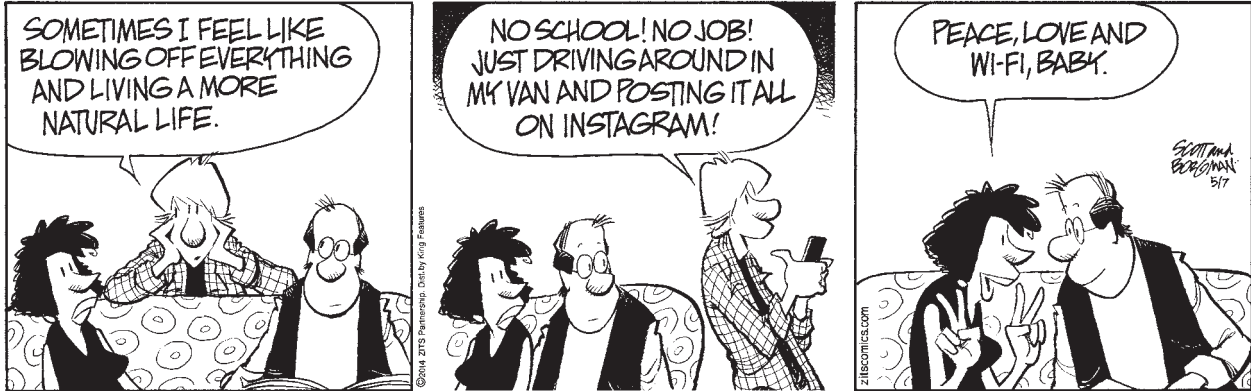
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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13 Peepers
15 In the know
16 Annoy
17 Cry
18 Harmon and Hamill
19 Foreboding sign
20 Messiest
22 Worn-out horses
23 Tight, as a rope
24 Haul
26 Free; without charge
29 Paper cutters
34 Nonconformist
35 Wright Bros.' invention
36 TV's Peeples
37 Enthusiastic
38 For the time ...; meanwhile
39 Percussion instrument
40 Piece of dorm furniture
41 Preach
42 High-IQ group
43 Pullman cars
45 Adorée and Zellweger
46 Supped
47 In ... of; as a substitute for
48 Derogatory remark
51 Singer Aguilera
56 Brass musical instrument
57 Lift and throw with effort
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62 Water jug
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29 Narrow cuts
30 Walking stick
31 Go one ... with; play directly against
32 Hose down
33 Long stories

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Ways to evaluate alternative health coverage

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Most of the uninsured have to wait five months for the next chance to seek coverage on the health care overhaul's public exchanges. But that doesn't mean they need to spend the summer worrying about their lack of protection from large medical bills.

The state-based exchanges, a cornerstone in the overhaul's push to expand insurance coverage, still permit customers to buy coverage under certain circumstances. The uninsured also can buy a temporary plan to cover them for a few months.

Here are some questions to consider if you missed the enrollment window that ended this spring and still want to buy a plan.

CAN I STILL USE A HEALTH-CARE EXCHANGE?

A major life change -- such as a move to another state, marriage, divorce, and the birth or adoption of a child -- would allow you to use the exchanges to find coverage. Anyone

who becomes a U.S. citizen or leaves prison also is entitled to enroll between open enrollment periods.

Aside from exceptions like these, those who want to use the exchanges will have to wait until Nov. 15, when enrollment begins for coverage that starts in 2015.

Insurance purchased on the exchanges comes with a key advantage: Applicants may be eligible for income-based tax credits that help pay the cost of their coverage.

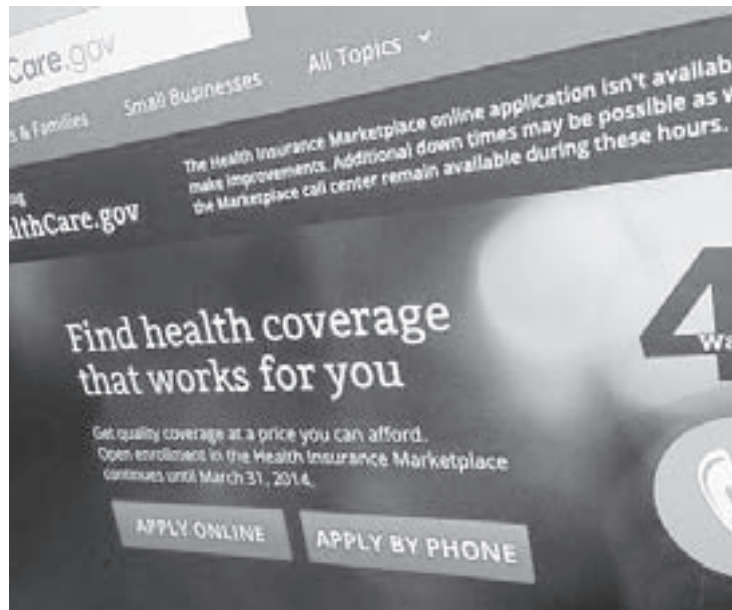
WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DO I HAVE?

Employer-sponsored coverage is the most common form of health insurance in the United States. Landing a job that offers insurance or gaining coverage through a spouse's employer are two key paths to gaining major medical coverage.

A short-term plan can be an option for less-extensive coverage. This coverage generally runs for less than a year and can be as short as 30 days. Think of it as a safety net.

It's designed to protect you from a potentially devastating medical bill, but it's generally not as thorough as coverage you would find on the exchange or through an employer.

"It gives (the enrollee) some level of protection until they can get to their next open enrollment pe-



This photo shows part of the HealthCare.gov website in Washington, on Nov. 29, 2013. Most of the uninsured have to wait five months for the next chance to seek coverage on the health care overhaul's public exchanges. But that doesn't mean they need to spend the summer worrying about their lack of protection from large medical bills.

(AP Photo/Jon Elswick)

riod," said Bob Hurley, a senior vice president with the private health insurance exchange operator eHealth Inc.

These plans tend to require customers to pay more costs out of pocket than a major medical plan found on an exchange, said Gary Claxton, a vice president with the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care issues.

Limited benefits plans are another, albeit skimpier option. For instance, that coverage may only pay a few hundred dollars for an overnight stay in a hospital that costs well north of \$1,000.

Some insurance shoppers also may qualify for the state-federal Medicaid program, if their income level is low enough. Medicaid eligibility varies by state.

HOW SHOULD I EVALUATE THESE OPTIONS?

Read the plan details carefully.

If you find a good deal on an insurance policy, you need to understand why it's a good deal. Lower premiums can mean less coverage, so analyze what you would pay for a doctor visit or hospital stay. Understand your other out-of-pocket responsibilities such as the deductible, which is the amount a customer

pays before most coverage starts.

Think hard, as well, about how long you will need the policy. Some insurers require customers to wait for a certain period before they can buy another short-term policy, said Bonnie Milani, an independent insurance broker in Los Angeles. That could lead to a coverage gap if you want to stick with that insurer and not buy a plan from another carrier.

WHAT ARE THE DRAWBACKS OF THESE ALTERNATIVES?

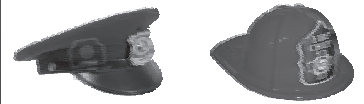
Short-term or limited benefits plans generally offer less coverage than policies available on an exchange. □

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Interior chief: Jamestown at risk from rising seas

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Associated Press

JAMESTOWN, Virginia

(AP) — Jamestown Island, America's oldest known permanent European settlement runs the risk of being swept away by rising seas, with some sections of it already beneath the James River.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell got a firsthand look Thursday at the effect of climate change on ever-receding coastline Jamestown Island, Virginia.

Jewell trekked around the island, and heard of the devastation in 2003 when Hurricane Isabel raked the low-lying landscape. The storm left many parts of the island underwater and destroyed thousands of artifacts retrieved from archaeological digs. Many are still being restored.

Jewell told the Associated Press that Jamestown is certainly vulnerable.

"I know enough now having been in this job looking at vulnerable sites that this is a highly vulnerable site," Jewell said.

"We don't have very many places in the United States that talk about the super-early history of settlers connecting with the native people of the land, so this is a really an important place."

Dorothy Geyer, a Park Service natural resource specialist, said a 1 1/2-foot (0.5 meter) rise in sea level



United States Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, left, looks over recovered artifacts as she listens to curator Melanie Pereira, right, during a tour of Jamestown Island in Jamestown, Va., Thursday, June 5, 2014.

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would put 60 percent of the island under water and a 4-foot (1.2-meter)-plus rise would increase that number to 80 percent.

Jewell said her visit to Jamestown is part of the Obama administration's push to address climate change.

"It's very clear we have global warming and sea level rise and this is a hot spot for it," Jewell said. "And what's at risk is the history of our country."

Jamestown was settled in 1607 by Europeans, including Capt. John Smith.

When European settlers arrived, there already was a thriving population of Native Americans led by paramount Chief Powhatan. The remnants of both native people and settlers can be found on the island.

The Tidewater of Virginia and sections of the Chesapeake Bay are among the most vulnerable to sea change in the world. While climate change is a big factor, the region is also sinking — the result of a meteor that gouged out the Chesapeake Bay 35 million years ago. The tour followed a report in May by the Union of Concerned Scientists that lists Jamestown as among 30 historic and cultural sites in the nation that are at risk because of climate change.

Jewell trekked through

mosquito-infested wetlands and through stands of loblolly during the tour. At Black Point, the eastern-most point of land on the island, she saw where waters had reclaimed 20 feet (6 meters) of the island through the years.

Jewell visited a research center where thousands of artifacts are still being restored. More than 1 million artifacts — pipe stems, ceramic cookware, silver settings — were damaged. Jewell later had discussions with climate scientists. □

Moon rocks indicate Earth's orb born of collision

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — A new study strengthens the notion that our moon was created by a collision between Earth and a planet-sized object some 4.5 billion years ago. German scientists studied moon rocks gathered by astronauts nearly a half-century ago in the Apollo 11, 12 and 16 missions. They analyzed various kinds of oxygen atoms and found

the moon rocks have a different makeup than Earth rocks do.

That fits with the idea that the moon would contain material from the object that struck Earth.

The results also suggest that the moon may be a 50-50 mix of material from this object and from Earth.

The study was published Thursday by the journal Science. □

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Maui Film Festival honoring Nyong'o, Wood, Roberts

WALEA, Hawaii (AP) — Maui Film Festival organizers say Lupita Nyong'o has the magic touch of creativity.

Organizers of the four-day festival in Hawaii this week are honoring the 31-year-old Academy Award winner with their Rainmaker Award on Saturday. Organizers say the award honors a film artist for "having the magical ability to impact the creative dynamics of every project they touch." Nyong'o, who broke through as a star with her performance in "12 Years a Slave," was recently announced as a cast member of "Star Wars: Episode VII." The film under production from director J.J. Abrams is due to open in December 2015.

Nyong'o is expected to accept the award during a tribute before the premiere of another film.

The festival, which includes ocean-side outdoor screenings in Maui's resort area of Wailea, is



Lupita Nyong'o attends the Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on Saturday, May 31, 2014, in Jersey City, N.J.

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also honoring Evan Rachel Wood, Joe Manganiello and Emma Roberts.

Roberts, who appeared in "We're the Millers" last year with Jennifer Aniston and Jason Sudeikis, accepted the festival's Shining Star Award on Thursday night. That award honors an artist "who dares to dream big dreams and delivers brilliantly charismatic and revelatory performances every time that opportunity knocks."

Manganiello and Wood, both of HBO's "True Blood," were to receive awards Friday night. □

Melanie Griffith files to divorce Antonio Banderas

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melanie Griffith filed for divorce Friday from Antonio Banderas, her husband of 18 years.

For years they were among Hollywood's hottest couples, with Banderas publicly supporting his wife's treatments for addiction and both supporting charitable causes.

Griffith cited irreconcilable differences in the court filing in Los Angeles. The actors were married in 1996 and have a 17-year-old daughter together.

Griffith, 56, is seeking spousal support but is willing to pay her own attorney fees, her filing shows.

Griffith, who has a tattoo of Banderas' first name in a heart on her right shoulder, signed the divorce petition on May 30 but did not specify the date of their separation.

They first worked together on the set of the 1995 romantic comedy "Two Much," Banderas, 53, later directed his wife in the 1999 film "Crazy in Alabama."



This Sept. 7, 2008 file photo shows actors Antonio Banderas, right, and his wife Melanie Griffith at the Gala premier of "The Other Man" at the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

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In 2011, the couple hosted a fundraiser for President Barack Obama at their Los Angeles home.

Griffith has been married four times, including twice to actor Don Johnson. Banderas has one previous marriage.

Banderas in recent years has served as the voice of the animated character Puss in Boots in the "Shrek" films and starred in Pedro Almodovar's two most recent films, "The Skin I Live

In" and "I'm So Excited!" Griffith was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in the 1998 film "Working Girl." She has recently turned to television work, guest-starring in "Hawaii Five-0," "Hot in Cleveland" and "Raising Hope." In 2003, she won praise for her role in the Broadway revival of "Chicago." An email sent to the couple's publicist, Robin Baum, was not immediately returned. □

Maxwell plans for tour, new music & possible baby

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NEW YORK (AP) — Maxwell is looking to produce something this year that has nothing to do with music. In a recent interview with The Associated Press, the 41-year-old crooner — who plans to release a new album this year — said he also wants to get married and become a father (though he didn't offer the name of his "collaborator").

"This year is really about the people, it's really about focusing on putting out the music, and taking myself to another level in life. Hopefully getting married, having kids — the whole thing," Maxwell said. "I mean, it's not my ovaries, so I can't really plan that, but it would be great."

The R&B star said the experiences he's had since coming back to music with 2009's Grammy-winning "BLACKsummers'night" inspired him to release the second album in his trilogy. "SUMMERS," originally planned for release in 2010, will come out this year, he said.

"I lost my cousin. I lost a lot of things. I lost a lot of friends. I came

to realize so many good things about people that were always really there, and then so many bad things about people who really weren't. When you turn 40 and when you cross a decade, God shows you the truth and you just sort of have to take it and run with it, and basically make the right choices, and that's kind of where I'm at right now," he said.

"I think that's why the album can come out now."

Fans will hear some of those new songs when Maxwell kicks off his two-month "Summer Soulstice" tour June 15 in Minneapolis. It's his first tour since canceling his six-date U.S. trek in 2011 because of vocal swelling and hemorrhaging. (He said surgery was successful.)

"I looked out for my band and for my crew. I paid everyone out of pocket with the great help of Live Nation, who of course I need to pay back, which I think I did like last week," he said, laughing.

He said he's never had vocal lessons: "I've been winging it since I started. I probably need a few lessons."



This July 8, 2009 file photo shows singer Maxwell performing on "The Early Show" in New York. Maxwell's next release, "Summers," originally supposed to be released in 2010, will finally be released this year.

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Maxwell's first recording post-surgery was a duet with Alicia Keys, "Fire We Make." He said he's working on an EP with the piano-playing sensation, and has also recorded a song with Jennifer Lopez, whom he's known since she was a dancer on "In Living Color" in the

early 1990s. "She's such an American success story," he said of the 44-year-old entrepreneur. "There are people like Kim Kardashian, even Beyonce, that can look at her and say, 'Yo, she showed us how to shut it down. She was the original stunter.'" □



This photo released by TNT shows Taye Diggs in a scene from the pilot for "Murder in the First." Diggs stars as a San Francisco police detective in the drama that also stars Kathleen Robertson and debuts Monday, June 9, 2014.

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Taye Diggs plays it tough, tender in new TV drama

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Taye Diggs can claim an actor's version of scoring a hat trick: He's worked with a trio of television's most innovative writer-producers.

Diggs, who visited David E. Kelley's "Ally McBeal" as attorney Jackson Duper and played Dr. Sam Bennett on Shonda Rhimes' "Private Practice," is starring in a new drama, "Murder in the First," co-created by veteran Steven Bochco.

"There's something to be said for putting out in the universe that which you want to claim. It's happened to me three times," he said. In the latest instance, he was eager to be part of a project "where it's about relationships and not just catching crooks and jumping over buses and whatnot," said Diggs, who's casual and candid in a phone interview.

"Murder in the First," despite the procedural-sounding title, turned out to be just such an opportunity. It debuts at 10 p.m. EDT Monday on TNT.

Diggs' character is San Francisco police homicide Detective Terry English,

who's paired with fellow detective Hildy Mulligan (Kathleen Robertson). The officers are admirably dedicated but have more to their lives than work.

Terry's burden is a tragic one, the terminal illness of his wife (Anne-Marie Johnson). Hildy is a single mom who, at least in episode one, appears to have a limited network of support to raise her bright daughter.

The series crisscrosses between the detectives' off-duty lives and their efforts to crack two killings with a high-profile link, a Silicon Valley whiz kid who takes arrogance to a new level. He's played by Tom Felton, of Draco Malfoy fame from the "Harry Potter" film franchise. Richard Schiff, Nicole Ari Parker, James Cromwell and Steven Weber are among the co-stars.

"Murder in the First," created by Bochco and Eric Lodal, will wrap its investigation within the 10-episode season. If viewers are hooked, the drama will be back with another case to solve.

Bochco took a similar approach with his 1990s series "Murder One," which focused in its freshman year

on a single crime. The ABC series was critically lauded but was ahead of its time, and its low ratings prompted a switch to a multiple-murder story line for its second and final season.

In the new TNT drama, the case focus is narrow but the approach is ambitiously multilayered, said Bochco, whose groundbreaking series include "Hill Street Blues," "L.A. Law" and "NYPD Blue."

"Murder in the First" is a "cop show, it's a legal drama, and then it's a courtroom drama. And so what we've tried to do is to pretty much encompass the whole of the criminal justice system," he said.

Diggs, for one, was quickly sold on the concept of "Murder in the First" and agreed to temporarily pull up stakes from New York City.

"Bochco and Lodal were so excited about it they got me excited. I was not excited about the fact it was shot in Los Angeles," Diggs, 43, said, with exterior taped in San Francisco. "But hearing their ideas and the future of the character, Terry, I couldn't help but get drawn in."

New tests may settle debate over disputed Vermeer



This image made available by Christie's in London on Friday June 6, 2014 shows the painting "Saint Praxedis" by Dutch master Johannes Vermeer.

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JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Verily, it's a Vermeer.

Christie's auction house says science has confirmed that a disputed painting is the work of Dutch master Johannes Vermeer. The painting could fetch 8 million pounds (\$13 million) when it is sold next month. "Saint Praxedis" is believed to be the earliest surviving work by the 17th-century artist, but there has long been a question mark over its authenticity.

The work was tentatively attributed to Vermeer after it appeared in an exhibition at New York's Metropolitan Museum in 1969, and the authorship was reinforced in 1986, when leading Vermeer scholar Arthur Wheelock argued it was authentic.

But other experts remained skeptical. The painting was not included in a "Young Vermeer" exhibition in The Hague in 2010, but was displayed in a 2012 show of the artist's work in Rome. Christie's said Friday it was

declaring the work a Vermeer after scientists at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum and Free University carried out isotope analysis on its lead white — a coveted but toxic type of paint made with lead and vinegar.

"They're able to basically DNA test lead white," said Henry Pettifer, Christie's head of Old Master paintings.

The tests found that the lead white was a precise match for that used in another early Vermeer, "Diana and her Companions" — "So precise as to suggest that the same batch of paint could have been used," Pettifer said.

He said the research, along with analysis of the date and signature on the painting, amounted to "a compelling endorsement" of Vermeer's authorship.

Praxedis was a Roman Christian who cared for the bodies of religious martyrs. Vermeer's painting shows her as a young woman, grasping a crucifix while wringing blood from a sponge into a vessel.

Iraq's Best Hope



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SULAIMANI, Iraq - I am a sucker for commencements, but this one filled me with many different emotions.

As Dina Dara took the stage - the student speaker and valedictorian of the 2014 graduating class of the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, in Kurdistan - the sun was just setting, turning Azmar Mountain in the background into a reddish-brown curtain. The class was about 70 percent Kurds, with the rest coming from every corner, religion and tribe of Iraq. Parents bursting with pride, cellphone cameras in one hand and bouquets in the other, had driven up from Basra and Baghdad, dressed in their finest to see their kids get their American-style college degrees. Three Kurdish TV stations carried the ceremony live.

"It has been quite a journey," Dara, who's going on to graduate school at Tufts, told her classmates. (Since the university opened in 2007, all the valedictorians have been Iraqi women). "We went through a whole different experience living in the dorms. This evening ... we are armed with two things: first, the highly valued American education that makes us as competent and qualified as the rest of the students in the world. And, second, the empowerment of a liberal arts education." As we "exercise critical thinking techniques that have been the core of our education here, and as we try to move beyond the traditional conventions, beyond what others suggest, we may struggle. But isn't this how nations are built?" Sitting near Dara (I was the commencement speaker), I thought: This is how the Iraq story was supposed to end but hasn't, not yet. Kurdistan remains the unsung success story of the Iraq War, one thing that U.S. veterans can take pride in having helped to create - first by protecting the Kurds from Saddam Hussein with a no-fly zone and second by toppling Saddam, who had tried to wipe out the Kurds with poison gas in 1988.

But it was the Kurds who used the window of freedom we opened for them to overcome internal divisions, start to reform their once Sopranos-like politics and create a vibrant economy that is now throwing up skyscrapers and colleges in major towns of Erbil and Sulaimani. Everywhere I've gone here, I've met "reverse immigrants," Kurds who've come back to their homeland in northeastern Iraq because of all the opportunities.

Kurdistan represents everything that has not happened in Shi-

ite-dominated Baghdad and the Sunni regions of Iraq, where Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has behaved like a visionless, pro-Shiite sectarian chief and violence remains rife. Maliki was "our guy." So you could say that we left two big "gifts" behind in Iraq: an American-installed autocrat and an American university that is teaching the values of inclusiveness that Maliki doesn't practice. In the long run, after Maliki is gone, we can still hope - as partially happened in Vietnam - that our values will triumph where our power failed. It's still a long shot, but that's clearly what the American University students are hoping.

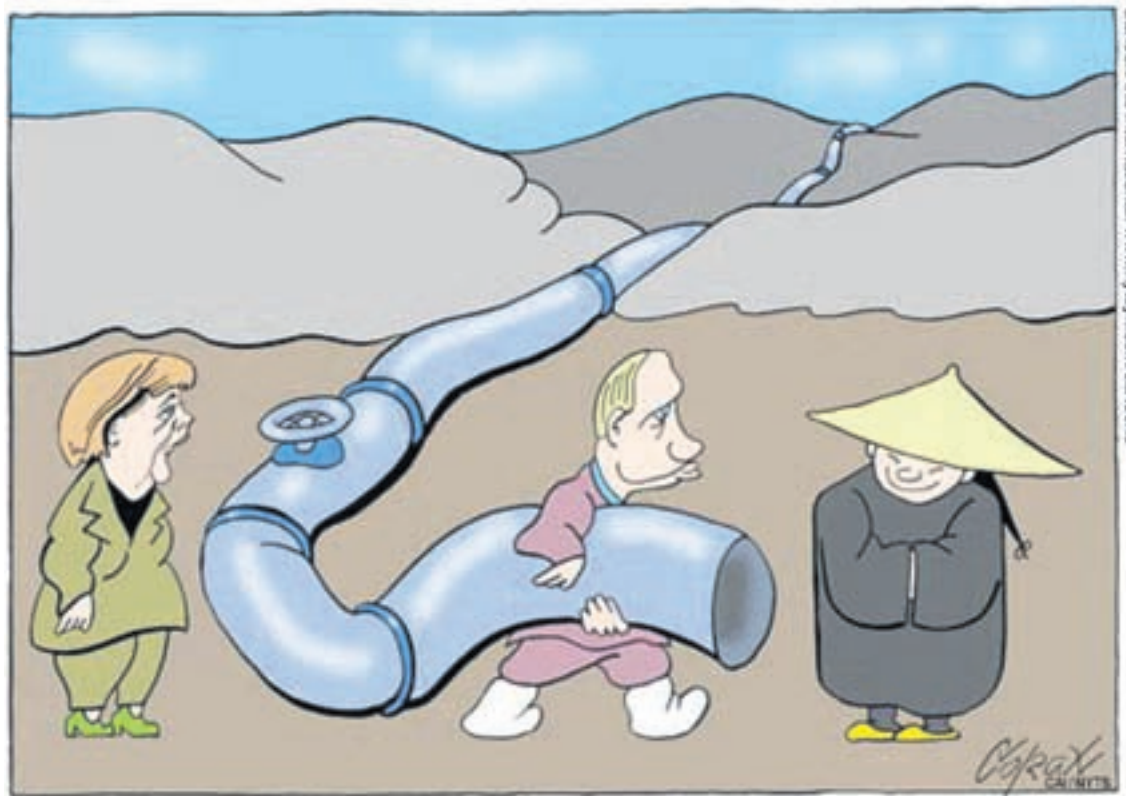
Bery Hoshair, 20, a female engineering student, told me: "People graduating here feel they can make a change. They come here as people bounded by social conventions, and they leave as individuals with values that they implement in their lives. We all believe that we can be future leaders. (Iraq) is not over. We are just getting started. We are building from scratch. It is going to take time."

Karwan Gaznay, 24, a Kurd, told me he grew up on books about Saddam: "Now we have this American education. I did not know who Thomas Jefferson was. I did not know who James Madison was. So when the government is doing something wrong, now we can say: 'This is wrong. I have been educated.' ... I ran for student president, and Arab guys voted for me. We are living as a family in the university. I am not pessimistic about Iraq. We can work together if we want to."

As student president, Gaznay persuaded the Kurdish government to create a special ID card for Sunni and Shiite AUIS students to use to easily pass through checkpoints that protect this region from the rest of Iraq. Isa Mohamed, 22, a Shiite from Baghdad, told me this was why he supported Gaznay: "Any Arab (AUIS) student can now go through all the checkpoints and airports" in Kurdistan without difficulties. N Shayan Hamed, 23, said: "You hear democracy being used by your political leaders, but they are just defining it the way it suits them. But when you really learn what it is about in the real texts, then you realize that this is not the democracy in your country." I thought Iraq was finished, I said to her. "Germany was not over after Hitler. Russia was not over after Stalin. So why should Iraq be over after Saddam?" she replied.

Mewan Nahro, 23, put it all in perspective: "My dad was in the mountains as a Pesh Merga (Kurdish guerrilla) fighter in the '80s and '90s, and now (our family) has gone from him in the mountains to me here at an American University and getting to say what I want."

Yes, this is an elite school, and Kurdistan is an island of decency in a still-roiling sea. But the power of example is a funny thing. You never know how it can spread. More American universities, please - not just drones. □



The Theater Beyond the Clintons



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One of the many problems with our all-Hillary-all-the-time news fixation is the way it obscures other juicy Democratic dramas, shoving their stars into the wings. Andrew Cuomo, come on out to center stage. You deserve it, you sly, ruthless, freshly humbled man.

She may have Bill, Benghazi, a new book and an imminent grandchild, but you deserve a moment of our time and a measure of our fascination.

Since becoming governor of New York 3 1/2 years ago, Cuomo has been performing a balancing act with implications for Democratic politics well beyond the state. It could be hugely relevant if Clinton takes a pass on a presidential bid and lets a host of overshadowed overachievers dream their Oval dreams and scheme their Oval schemes.

And it speaks to a perennial challenge in both parties: How does a pragmatic politician steer the kind of centrist course that often works best in the long run without provoking a revolt from the more partisan warriors in his or her camp?

Over the weekend, Cuomo confronted such a revolt from the Working Families Party, which was threatening to complicate

his re-election by running a candidate to his left. He was forced to grovel before its members and to accept help in placating them from Bill de Blasio, a man he prefers to pummel and keep at a distance.

"It's disastrous for him," one prominent Democratic strategist told me, saying that it undermined Cuomo's calculations and strategy to this point.

Back in 2010, the Working Families Party had to beg Cuomo to fly its banner, so the group made concessions rather than demands, signing on to his platform.

This time around, the roles were seemingly reversed, in part because the left wing of the Democratic Party has been emboldened and empowered. It takes credit for de Blasio's election last year. It gives Elizabeth Warren much of her traction. And it could make significant demands during the 2016 Democratic presidential primaries, at least if Clinton has a real opponent or doesn't run. Cuomo's complicated lot may be a preview of the politics around the bend.

"He likes to live in the middle," said another Democratic insider, one who has known him for decades. "That's where the country is, and to the extent that you can find an authentic political pulse in him, that's where he is."

Cuomo's middle is distinctive and shrewd, a mix of progressive stances on many social issues and a more moderate approach on economic ones.

Shortly after taking office, he campaigned for gay marriage. He later championed tough gun-control laws. He has not lifted the state's moratorium on fracking. But he has bucked unions. He has opposed letting local governments, like New York City's, raise the minimum wage on their own. He cut corporate taxes and famously rejected de Blasio's plan to pay for expanded prekindergarten with a tax increase on affluent New York City residents.

He has cozied up to Wall Street titans, hungry for their donations

now and in the future. Many of them support charter schools, and that factored into his swash-buckling defense of New York City's charters, which also pitted him against de Blasio.

Perhaps most interesting, Cuomo has been content with divided government in New York, making no noteworthy effort to help his party seize stewardship of a Senate controlled by Republicans and a small band of dissident Democrats. He has even been known to work against party members. The prospect of a left too potent - and of anyone but him calling the shots - clearly chills him. He wants to pick and choose his liberal flourishes, not have them chosen for him.

This makes sense in terms of a presidential campaign, which he definitely fantasizes about, according to people who know him. In a primary, he'd run as the centrist Democrat, claiming Bill Clinton's mantle. In the general election, he'd present himself as someone more practical than ideological.

But first there's re-election in November, and he craves the kind of lopsided victory that Chris Christie, eyeing his own national candidacy, went after and got in New Jersey. It would give him the necessary affirmation and the sweet assurance that he can match or one-up his father, who was re-elected governor of New York in 1986 with 65 percent of the vote.

And it was jeopardized by the ire of the Working Families Party. He has now made the group some promises, including firm support for Democratic candidates going forward. Will he manage to break those promises and cling to the middle? If he keeps his word, might he wind up with a left-leaning Legislature that doesn't care about his balancing act and hijacks his legacy?

"I believe the world starts to turn now," de Blasio said after Cuomo pledged to please the Working Families Party. At the very least it gets even juicier. □

Brazil strikes a threat to a smooth World Cup

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SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian police used tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades to disperse striking workers inside a subway station on Friday, adding to fears that labor unrest could disrupt the World Cup that opens here in six days.

At least three union members were injured in the Sao Paulo clash, said Paulo Iannone, a union spokesman. Operators of the subway and overland trains were in the second day of a strike for higher wages, with no indication that it would end soon. That's worrying for authorities because most soccer fans heading to Thursday's opening Cup match in Sao Paulo will need to use the subway. Cup organizers have fretted for a year that a resurgence of mass anti-government protests could mar soccer's premiere event, with all the world watching.

But in recent weeks, a series of strikes by public transport workers, police, teachers and others in several Cup host cities has proved more disruptive than demonstrations. If such strikes continue, "there will be chaos during the World Cup," said Carla Dieguez, a sociologist at Sao Paulo University's School of Sociology and Politics.

"What we don't know is how long the (subway) strike will last and if workers in others cities where games will be held will also go on strike," she said. Unions across Brazil are using the leverage of the World Cup in an effort to get concessions from authorities, as has happened before other big sporting events.

Ahead of South Africa's World Cup in 2010, bus drivers went on strike.

So far, it's often worked, as in the case of federal police officers and garbage collectors in Rio de Janeiro who have won better wages recently.

Unions argue that high in-

flation is eating away at workers' purchasing power. On Friday, the government statistics agency said the benchmark consumer price index rose 6.37 percent in the 12 months through May.

Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo made an appeal to national pride to get strikers to return to work

de Janeiro blocked main roads during Thursday's evening rush hour, snarling traffic.

A two-day walkout in April by state police officers in the northeastern World Cup host city of Salvador led to a spike in homicides and robberies. One week earlier a police strike in the city of Fortaleza, also

junction from the Supreme Court ordering them not to halt work during the tournament.

The authorities and courts haven't shown any ability to force public workers in services essential to the World Cup to show up for their jobs.

A judge had ordered Sao Paulo's train operators to

public transit have widespread problems.

Last year, huge protests took over streets in dozens of cities during the Confederations Cup, which is international soccer's warm-up tournament for the World Cup. On just one night, a million people were out in the streets across Brazil to join in demonstrations.



Workers protest over unpaid wages in Curitiba, Brazil, Friday, June 6, 2014. Workers briefly stopped traffic before appearing to reach an agreement in Brazil's southern city that will host four World Cup matches. Over 50 workers launched the impromptu strike at the Arena da Baixada by gathering in front of Atletico Paranaense's offices, where about two dozen of the aggrieved employees cut off traffic for about 20 minutes.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

in time for the Cup.

"We want to feel proud of our country," Cardozo said. "On and off the pitch we must show what we are capable of."

Unions in Brazil are strong and often strike to demand higher wages and better working conditions.

Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva got his start as a fiery steel workers union leader who led massive strikes that weakened Brazil's military dictatorship.

Silva went on to start the ruling Workers Party, which has strong ties to unions, though they've often been strained since the party took the presidency in 2003.

It's not just Sao Paulo that's seeing union action.

Striking teachers in Rio

a World Cup host, brought widespread looting during two days.

Last month, a 48-hour strike by Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro bus drivers left hundreds of thousands of people unable to get to and from work, while civil police in 14 states went on a 24-hour work stoppage demanding higher wages. The police strike affected at least six cities that will host World Cup games: Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Salvador, Manaus, Recife and Belo Horizonte.

Federal police agents, who oversee immigration at international airports, and state police officers responsible for keeping order on the streets have said they may strike during the World Cup despite an in-

work at full capacity during rush hours and at 70 percent capacity in off hours.

Union members voted to go ahead with the strike anyway, disdaining the judge's order that the union be fined \$44,000 each day it ignores the ruling.

The union said on its website the strike would continue until officials met its demand for a pay hike of at least 10 percent. The Sao Paulo state government company that runs the subway system has offered an 8.7 percent increase.

The strikes have overshadowed earlier worries about disruptions from protests fed by anger over the billions spent to host the World Cup while Brazil's schools, health system and

Violent clashes between young protesters and police erupted at many of last year's protests, and threats by some groups to organize demonstrations during the World Cup raised concerns about security during the tournament.

But while there have been almost daily protests in the weeks before the tournament, the marches have been far smaller than a year ago.

The subway strike in Sao Paulo illustrated the potential for disruptions during the World Cup. The more than 3.5 million people who use the city's public transit systems on weekdays faced chaos as only three of the five subway lines operated, and with limited service.